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By Blanche S. Rivera

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IT'S a typical day at the Church of the Risen Christ at the Smokey Mountain relocation area in Tondo, Manila.

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A long walk to freedom

2 Dos Palmas hostages, Muslim cleric find way to Zamboanga

By Juliet L. Javellana

IT'S freedom at last for three hostages of the Abu Sayyaf, two of them part of the group seized May 27 from a high-end resort in Palawan.

Malacañang said yesterday that the three—Dos Palmas hostages Kimberly Jao Uy and Francis Ganzon and Muslim cleric Ustadz Muhaymin Sahi Latip—walked for two days until they reached a friend's house in Isabela, Basilan, took a ferry to Zamboanga City, and presented themselves to an emissary of President Macapagal-Arroyo.

Rigoberto Tiglao, spokesperson of the President, said Uy and Ganzon were presented to her around 6 last night, at a meeting witnessed by Uy's parents and Ganzon's wife.

Reporters and photographers were barred from the meeting. Only the official Malacañang photographer was allowed to take pictures.

But Ganzon, 50, a former undersecretary of the transportation department, spoke to Radio Mindanao Network yesterday about his ordeal.

He also said US hostage Guillermo Sobero was separated from the rest of the captives before the Abu Sayyaf claimed to have beheaded him.

"I did not see him (Sobero) beheaded," Ganzon said, but he added, "Abu Sabaya told me later that Guillermo Sobero is dead."

But as of yesterday, officials said, there was no evidence to show that Sobero had been killed.

Quoting a military source in Basilan, the INQUIRER reported Friday that a total of P10 million in ransom had been made for the release of Uy and another hostage, Lalaine Chua.

National Security Adviser Roilo Golez yesterday confirmed that "groups claiming connections with the Abu Sayyaf" were getting in touch with the hostages' families and arranging ransom payments.

"We have appealed to the families not to listen to these people . . . because they might become victims (all over again)," Golez said in an interview with radio station dzRH.

"It is better that they do not entertain these people. It will compound the problem," he added.

An Inq-7 source close to the Uys said the

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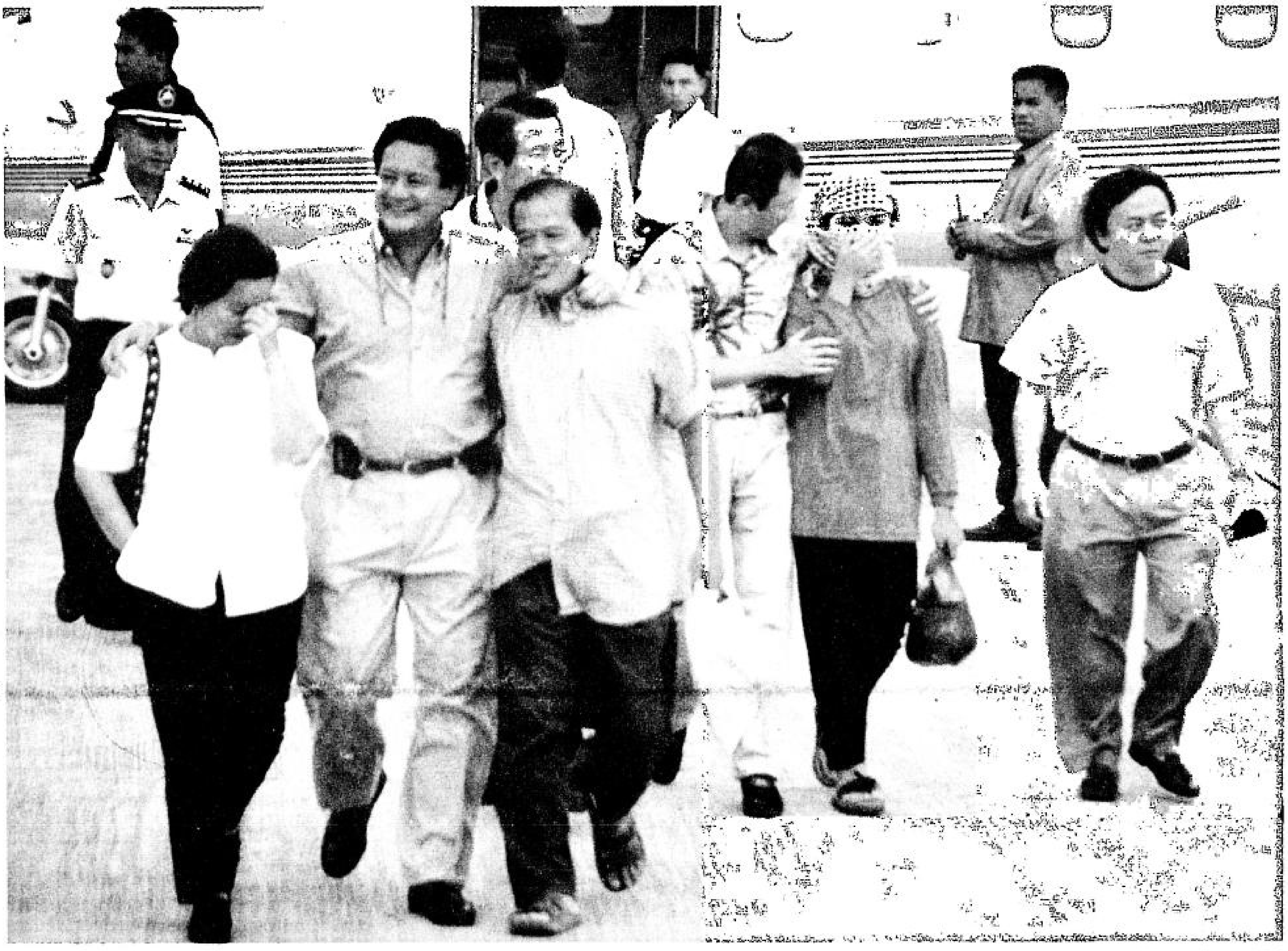

TO HELL and back are hostages Francis Ganzon (third from right) with his wife, Teresa (in white blouse), who escaped on June 3, and Kimberly Jao Uy with her father. Behind Ganzon is National Security Adviser Roilo Golez. A third hostage, Basilan-based Muslim cleric, Muhaymin Sahi Latip, was also released. ROGER MARGALLO

Salonga: Sison brains of Plaza Miranda bombing

By Cathy C. Yamsuan

COMMUNIST leader Jose Ma. Sison masterminded the infamous Plaza Miranda bombing in 1971 in a bid to drive moderates to the Left and expand the strength of the New People's Army under the Marcos administration, former Senate President Jovito Salonga charges in his new book, "A Journey of Struggle and Hope."

In the book, which he launches today, the author says that the available evidence "overwhelmingly points" to Sison, chief political consultant of the National Democratic Front, as the "principal author" of the tragedy. *(See excerpted chapter of Salonga's book below.)*

Based on the accounts of three chief sources, Sison allegedly ordered Danny Cordero, a New People's Army fighter, and two accomplices to throw two grenades at Liberal Party senatorial candidates during their proclamation rally on Aug. 21, 1971, Salonga writes.

Only one grenade exploded, but it was enough to kill nine and injure scores of Marcos oppositionists, including the author, an LP candidate who narrowly escaped death that night.

"From my research, Joma was capable of doing that," Salonga told the INQUIRER in a recent interview at his home. "Apparently he did not hesitate (to order the bombing because) it was necessary (for his cause)."

Sison allegedly expected Marcos to blame the communists for the bombing, and also anticipated that no one would believe the budding dictator, who would declare martial law the next year.

According to Salonga, Sison anticipated that "the ruling class

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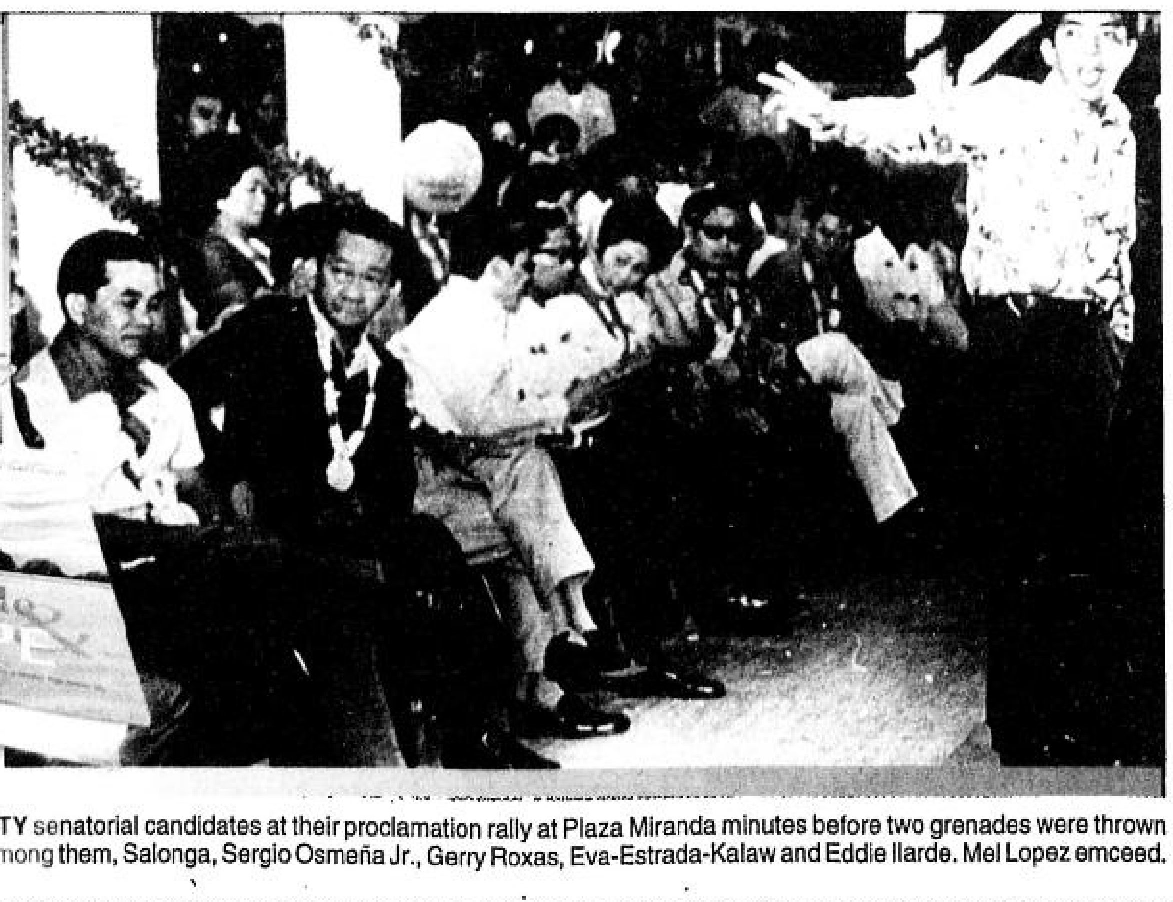

LIBERAL PARTY senatorial candidates at their proclamation rally at Plaza Miranda minutes before two grenades were thrown at the LP bets among them, Salonga, Sergio Osmeña Jr., Gerry Roxas, Eva-Estrada-Kalaw and Eddie Ilarde. Mel Lopez emceed.

By Jovito Salonga

(First of a series)

(Editor's note: The following is excerpted from Salonga's "A Journey of Struggle and Hope." The INQUIRER today starts serializing Chapter 12, titled "Responsibility for the Plaza Miranda bombing.")

AFTER the lapse of almost 30 years, some relatives and friends still ask, from time to time, a question that has not been adequately answered in the media: "Who masterminded the Plaza Miranda bombing?" Up to the date of this writing (November 2000), the Aug. 21, 1971 bombing is still wrapped in some mystery.

For many years, there was no doubt in the minds of many people that it was former President Ferdinand Marcos who masterminded the bombing. The prevailing belief has been that he must have ordered his subordinates to carry out his plan to wipe out the leaders of the Liberal Party.

That popular assumption ex-

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Joma: Jovy driven by obsession

By Juliet Labog-Javellana

"IT'S an obsession, a psychological problem for him."

This was the reaction of Jose Ma. Sison, founding chair of the Communist Party of the Philippines, to former Senate President Jovito Salonga's revelation that he—not the late dictator Ferdinand Marcos—masterminded the bombing of the Liberal Party rally on Aug. 21, 1971.

"I think he's so driven by his obsession that he is unwittingly exculpating Marcos," Sison told the INQUIRER on June 12 by phone from Oslo, Norway, venue of the peace negotiations between the communist-led National Democratic Front and the government.

The CPP has blamed Marcos for the bombing, saying it provided him with the pretext to declare martial law in 1972 and perpetuate himself in power.

In his book, "A Journey of Struggle and Hope," Salonga said Sison ordered the bombing to heighten the rift between Marcos and the opposition, and drive the people, particularly the moderates, to join the CPP-led revolutionary movement.

Marcos blamed the communists for the bombing, but only a few believed him.

In his talk with the INQUIRER, Sison denied any involvement in the bombing, saying a Manila prosecutor in 1993 dismissed the case against him for lack of evidence.

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ANG GULO KASI! ANO BA'NG GUSTO NILA, PEACE O GIYERA?

NDF losing control–Drilon

By Armand N. Nocum and Philip C. Tubeza

THE RECENT killing of Cagayan Rep. Rodolfo Aguinaldo by the New People's Army could be an indication the leadership of the National Democratic Front is losing its grip on its followers in the field.

"The NDF might be losing control of its ground forces," Sen. Franklin Drilon said yesterday, adding that NDF political consultant Jose Ma. Sison's praise of the NPA for the killing of Aguinaldo might have been a desperate attempt to show he was still in control of the communist group.

The NPA is the military arm of the Communist Party of the Philippines, which in turn is a member of the NDF.

Drilon said he found it "disturbing" that while the government and communist panels were talking peace in Oslo, Norway, the rebel army was engaged in assassination, aside from Aguinaldo's, that of Quezon Rep. Marcial Punzalan and Tanauan, Batangas Mayor Cesar Platon, and the recent ambush of Davao Councilor Jun Pala.

Other senators yesterday supported the government's decision to temporarily shelve the peace talks with the NDF.

Sen. Gregorio Honasan said the "indefinite" recess would allow both sides to work for an end to the ``cycle of offensives and attacks."

At the same time, the government moved Saturday to salvage the peace talks two days after it abruptly recalled its negotiators from Norway to protest the assassination of Aguinaldo.

Retired general Eduardo Ermita, chief adviser on the peace process to President Macapagal-Arroyo, tried to put a positive spin on the impasse by saying the break would serve as a "cooling off period."

Aides said Ms Macapagal would meet with the negotiators shortly to plot their next step.

"We don't think it (suspension) would cause significant delays," Ermita told a radio interviewer, stressing the current round of talks in Oslo was due to have adjourned Saturday anyway.

"The talks were merely suspended to review, study and discuss informally" the "murders of non-combatants," National Security Adviser Roilo Golez said.

"We would like to stress that the government remains committed to the peace process," he said in another radio interview.

But NDF chair and chief negotiator Luis G. Jalandoni turned the tables on the government yesterday.

He said the Left would now insist that the government thoroughly investigate human rights abuses against members of their group and others before the NDF would return to the negotiating table.

"Considering the gross insult to the NDF by the government when it unilaterally declared a recess in memory of a rabid human rights violator and torturer, concrete action will have to be taken on the NDF's complaints before the talks could resume," Jalandoni said.

He said the government should first act on human rights cases, including the alleged torture and murder of five suspected NPA members in Tarlac; the murder of Virgilio Alcantara, brother of Tirso Alcantara of the NPA's Melito Glor Command; the death of UP music student Maria Razhiela E. Miranda in Guinobatan, Albay, and 10 election-related crimes against party-list Bayan Muna members and supporters.

"These are only a few of the cases of human rights abuses committed by government forces. Were we to follow the logic of the government panel in calling for a recess each time an incident like this occurs, the peace talks will forever be in recess," Jalandoni said.

He also said he was "disappointed" by a statement by presidential spokesperson Rigoberto Tiglao that the peace negotiations were meant to declare the government ``the sole authority in prosecuting human rights violators and other criminals."

"First of all, the government has shown in the last three decades its complete inability to deal with human rights violators," Jalandoni said.

"And secondly, the Hague Joint Declaration specifically prohibits preconditions that compel one party to accept the other's legal and constitutional system," he said.

Jalandoni said negotiations could resume only after the administration followed this specific provision of the Hague Joint Declaration. *With Allan A. Nawal, PDI Mindanao Bureau, and AFP reports*

Torturer or folk hero, Aguinaldo is laid to rest

TUGUEGARAO CITY—A detested alleged "torturer" of political activists but a revered folk hero to Cagayanos, slain Rep. Rodolfo Aguinaldo was laid to rest at noon here on Saturday to the blaring of police sirens and a shower of red and white petals from a helicopter.

More than 4,000 joined the funeral procession of Aguinaldo, 54, and his police aide, Joey Garro, who were both fatally shot on Tuesday night while walking toward the congressman's apartment along Magallanes Street here.

The Fortunato Camus Command of the communist New People's Army in Cagayan Valley said it had meted out "revolutionary justice" to Aguinaldo for his "blood debts to the people."

At the necrological services, provincial administrator Jeremias Garan asked: "Why is (Aguinaldo) maligned as a torturer, a human rights violator, yet Cagayanos mourn for him and acclaim him as a hero because of his love, help and protection of the people he served, especially the poor?"

Grief-stricken Cagayanos, many carrying posters and streamers asking for justice for Aguinaldo, lined the main streets of Tuguegarao, the provincial town whose conversion into a city Aguinaldo had worked for in 1999.

After a gun salute, Chief Supt. Enrique Galang Jr., Central Luzon police director and Aguinaldo's classmate at the Philippine Military Academy Class 1972, handed a folded Philippine flag to Aguinaldo's widow, Lerma, and his daughters, Ella and Guia.

Another flag was handed to Asuncion, the widow of Garro who was buried close to Aguinaldo's grave.

Aguinaldo's 84-year-old father, Felix, and his only sister, Luz Aguinaldo Florendo, also attended the burial.

Aguinaldo, a military intelligence officer during the Marcos regime, served as a three-term governor of Cagayan from 1988 to 1998 before being elected as representative of the third congressional district in 1998.

He lost his reelection bid to Manuel Mamba in a bitterly fought electoral contest on May 14.

Aguinaldo's constabulary unit captured many anti-Marcos activists and suspected communist leaders and gained notoriety for the many torture charges filed against its members.

In his book "Dark Legacy: Human Rights Under the Marcos Regime," Alfred McCoy noted Aguinaldo's interrogation skills employed on anti-Marcos activists from 1972 to 1986. *Reports from Estanislao Caldez and Villamor Visaya Jr., PDI Northern Luzon Bureau, and Norman Bordadora and Philip C. Tubeza, Metro Manila*

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Press watchdog seeks protection for RP journalists

PRESS freedom advocates Reporters Without Borders urged the Philippine government yesterday to protect journalists in Mindanao, calling it "the most dangerous region in the world for media professionals."

In a statement received in Manila, the Paris-based group said three Philippine journalists had been killed in the past six months in Mindanao.

In the latest violence, Juan Porras Pala, a radio broadcaster and local politician, was shot by masked men Thursday as he drove a pickup truck in Davao City.

Although Pala was hit by three bullets, he managed to present a radio program for local Radyo Ukay from his hospital bed the next day, it said. One of his bodyguards was shot in the head and is in serious condition, the statement said.

Reporters Without Borders appealed to Interior Secretary Jose Lina to do everything in his power to find the perpetrators and discover the motive for the attempted murder of Pala, known for his strong anti-communist opinions, notably against the leftist guerrilla New People's Army.

The statement said police had failed to arrest any suspects in the killings of three radio journalists on Mindanao since November, although one former military officer had been identified by a witness to one of the slayings.

The group named the victims as Candelario Cayona, a journalist with dxLL station who was killed in Zamboanga on May 30; Mohammad Yusop, a commentator for RXID radio of the Islamic Radio Broadcasting Network, shot in the head in Pagadian City Feb. 24; and Olimpio Jalapit, a broadcaster with the private dxPR radio station, killed in the same city Nov. 17. *AP*

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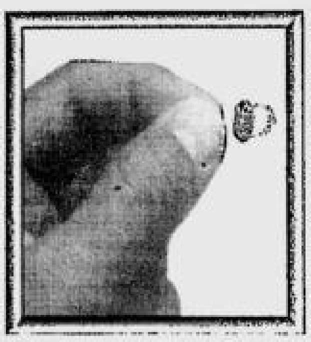

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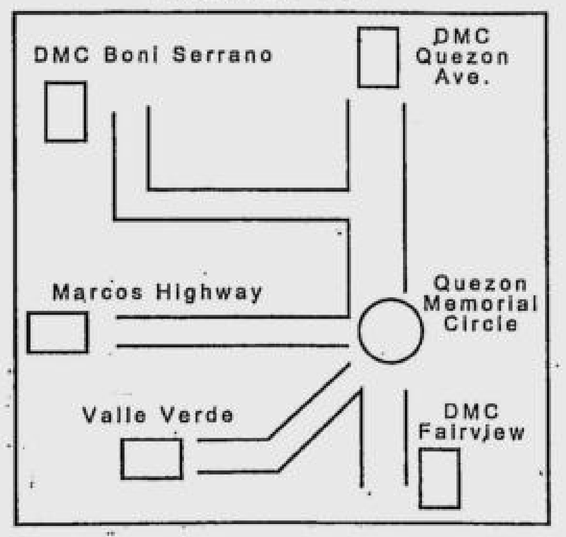

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'Critical collaboration' opposed; Angara denies making an offer

By Armand N. Nocum

SEN. Franklin Drilon yesterday shot down the opposition's offer of "critical collaboration" with the administration in exchange for placing deposed President Joseph Estrada under house arrest instead of jail.

In a telephone interview, Drilon told the INQUIRER that if the proposed cooperation and reconciliation were premised on Estrada's interests, the matter would never get off the ground.

He said the opposition was asking the Macapagal administration for something that was under the jurisdiction of the courts.

"They should leave the matter for the courts to decide rather mix the judicial process with political maneuverings," he said referring to Estrada's various criminal cases before the Sandiganbayan.

Last Friday, Senator-elect Edgardo Angara and Makati Rep. Agapito "Butz" Aquino, president and secretary general of the Laban ng Demokratikong Pilipino, respectively, had said they were open to cooperating with the government as long as the Palace gave them "some signal" to show its sincerity.

In a news briefing, Aquino said one signal would be for the President to have Estrada jailed at home instead of at Fort Sto. Domingo in Sta. Rosa, Laguna, as ordered by the Sandiganbayan.

No such offer

Yesterday, in Naga City, Angara denied the opposition had offered "critical collaboration" with the Macapagal administration in exchange for leniency in Estrada's detention.

"*Hindi totoo iyan. Sa palagay ko binigyan ng maling slant iyong* story (That's not true. I think the story was given the wrong slant)." If you will remember, it was the President who extended the hand of reconciliation to us. We said we were willing to grasp that hand provided the gesture was sincere and not merely rhetorical," Angara said.

He said one way sincerity could be shown was by having President Macapagal deliver on her promise to have Estrada placed under house arrest.

"That is what we said. We did not offer a compromise. It is not our role to offer a compromise. We are happy where we are," Angara said.

He said the opposition's stand that Estrada should be placed under house arrest remains.

Angara said it was only the Sandiganbayan that insists on detaining Estrada at the police camp.

"There is a wide difference between house arrest and camp detention. The President must uphold her commitment to place Estrada under house arrest, which many people in this country support," he said.

Angara added that house arrest conforms to the international practice, as it is more appropriate than camp detention. *With Juan Escandor Jr., PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

Drilon rules out deals for Senate post

SEN. Franklin Drilon, who is considered a top contender for the post of Senate president, has ruled out making any deals with the opposition in order to win the position.

In a telephone interview, Drilon said no formal proposal has been presented to him on the matter, although it was being talked about by both administration and opposition senators.

"I don't think there's any serious proposal of that nature, nor is it being considered at this stage," he said of a deal similar to the one he and Sen. Blas Ople worked out during the last Congress.

At the time, the two had agreed to divide the Senate president's term between them.

This time, Senator-elect Edgardo Angara is the leading candidate of the opposition, while Ople is on his last term as a senator.

Drilon, Angara and current Senate President Aquilino Pimentel Jr. are considered the candidates to beat for the presidency after Pimentel announced he intended to hang on to his post.

But with the number of candidates running to five, Drilon said it would be hard to predict the outcome.

But going by past contests where senators voted according to party lines, he said the independents could provide the swing votes.

At present, the administration People Power Coalition has 12 senators, counting the four Lakas-NUCD holdovers from the 11th Congress.

The opposition Puwersa ng Masa counts seven senators, while the independents are Pimentel and Senators John Osmeña, Robert Jaworski and Noli de Castro. *Armand N. Nocum*

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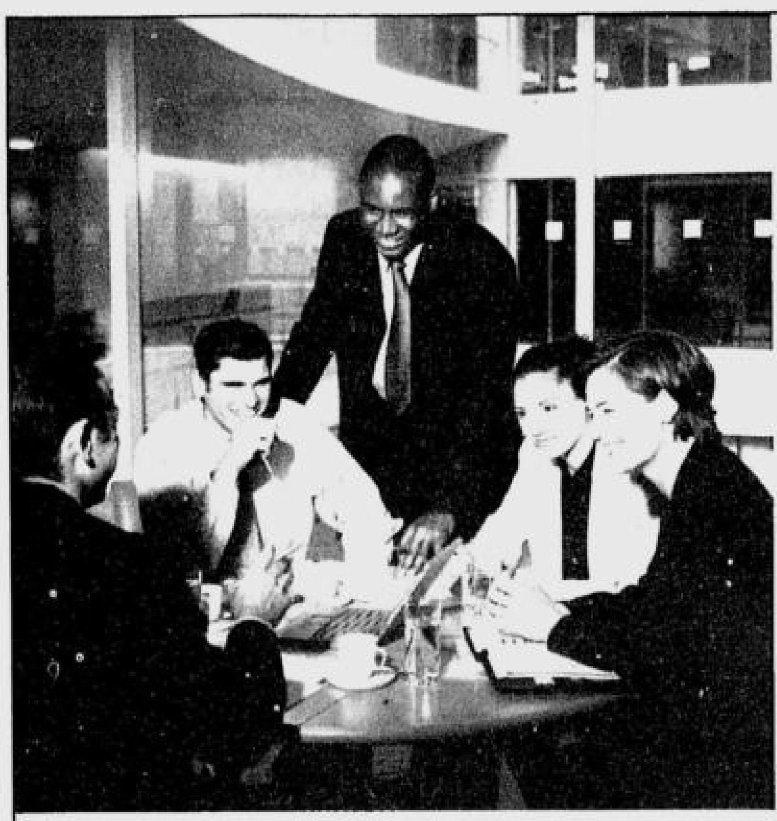

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JDV: I'm a good 'trapo'

By Philip C. Tubeza

HAS Jose de Venecia turned on a new leaf?

The Pangasinan congressman who is again running for post of Speaker, admitted during a press forum yesterday in Quezon City that he is a *trapo* (traditional politician).

But De Venecia is insisting that he is a "good *trapo*," and that he no longer has "any selfish agenda" in gunning for the fourth most powerful political position in the country.

"I am a traditional politician. I don't want to pretend as an angel. We all have our own dirty linen. But I am a good *trapo* who goes after the bad ones," De Venecia told reporters during the weekly press forum at the Sulo Hotel in Quezon City.

He said he is a *trapo* in the tradition of former Presidents Manuel L. Quezon, Manuel Roxas, and famous foreign leaders.

"I'm a *trapo* but I'm espousing new politics. After this, then I will retire. I no longer have any selfish agenda because I have no ambition," De Venecia said.

De Venecia ran for President in 1998, with President Macapagal-Arroyo as his running mate, only to be defeated by disgraced former President Joseph Estrada.

De Venecia said he would now focus on passing through Congress an ambitious economic stimulus plan that would provide a seven percent economic growth for the country for the next seven years.

He said he already has 131 congressman supporting him, enough numbers to have him elected Speaker.

De Venecia said he would ask the President's help in securing the top House post once he is sure of his numbers.

Much of civil society, which helped Macapagal-Arroyo to power, is against De Venecia because he is tainted with the multibillion-peso scams of the Ramos administration.

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PCGG wants Imelda jewels auctioned off

By Blanche S. Rivera

THE PRESIDENTIAL Commission on Good Government is asking the Bureau of Customs for the release of certain valuable pieces of jewelry seized from former first lady Imelda Marcos so they can be auctioned off.

PCGG officer in charge Jorge Sarmiento said Malacañang has already given the green light to dispose of the jewelry collection in its possession to obtain much-needed revenues for the government.

The customs bureau has custody of the "more beautiful pieces" in the infamous collection, which the government would like to dispose of because they would fetch better prices.

Sarmiento said the PCGG's assets division is now negotiating with customs officials for the release of the jewelry as they would like to hold the auction in July.

"The government needs the money, so we're trying to come up with an agreement with Customs as soon as possible," PCGG Commissioner Ruben Carranza Jr. said.

$800-M collection

The government tried to hold an auction of the Marcos jewelry in 1994 but failed to do so because it ran into problems with the auctioneers. At the time, the collection was estimated to be worth $800 million.

Most of the pieces had been seized by Customs and the PCGG while the others had been left behind by the Marcoses when they fled Malacañang during the first Edsa people power uprising in 1986.

Carranza said the PCGG was likely to tap the services of international auctioneers Christie's of New York and Sotheby's of London. The two firms were the same ones that the government had sought to auction off the Marcos assets in 1994 but arrangements collapsed.

The PCGG and Customs are trying to settle the issue of who should be entitled to the proceeds from the sale of the jewelry.

Sarmiento said, however, that the PCGG was "not after the rewards" as the proceeds would go to the land reform program as mandated by law.

SUPREME COURT DOCTRINES

REMEDIAL LAW (CIVIL PROCEDURE)—Elements of *res judicata*—*Res judicata* exists when the following elements are present: (a) the former judgment must be final; (b) the court which rendered judgment had jurisdiction over the parties and the subject matter; (c) it must be a judgment on the merits; (d) and there must be between the first and second actions, identity of parties, subject matter and cause of action. The doctrine of *res judicata* is a rule which pervades every well regulated system of jurisprudence and is founded upon 2 grounds embodied in various maxims of the common law, namely: (1) public policy and necessity which makes it to the interest of the State that there should be an end to litigation, *interest reipublicae ut sit finis litum*, and (2) the hardship on the individual that he should be vexed twice for the same cause, *memo debet vis vexari et eadem causa.* [Citations omitted.] [Justice Pardo, First Division, Spouses Arenas v. Court of Appeals, G.R. No. 126640, November 23, 2000]

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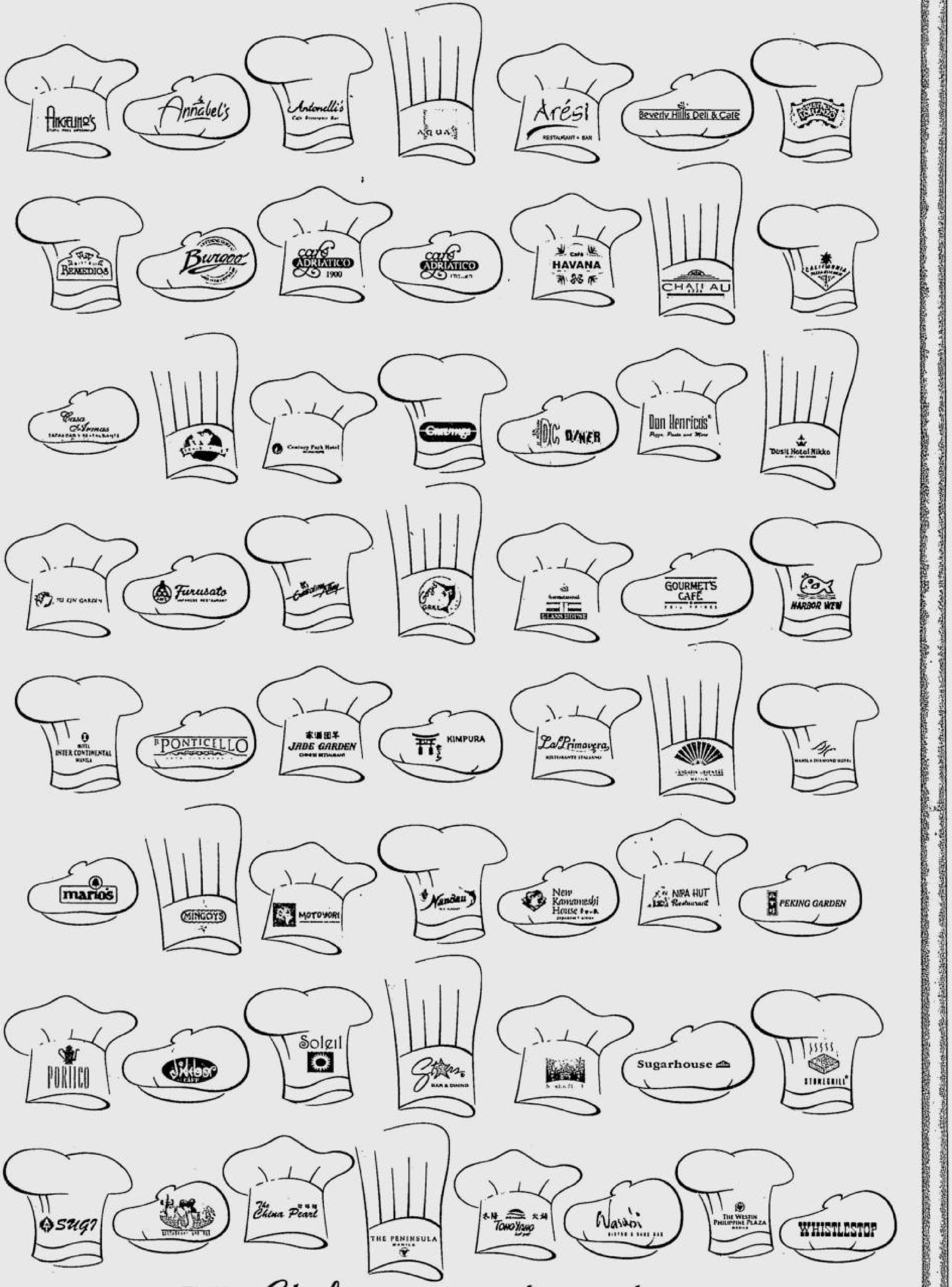

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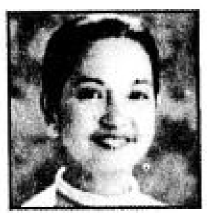

Warmest greetings to the Provincial Government of Palawan and to the Palaweños on the 99th founding anniversary of the civil government of the Philippines' Last Ecological Frontier.

The week-long celebration that will unfold in the seat of government from June 17 to 23, 2001 indicates the audacity, fortitude and confidence of the Paleweños led by your dynamic Governor Joel T. Reyes. This is the kind of positive action that we have to take in the midst of trials and difficulties that come our way.

I commend the efforts of the Provincial Government in bringing together under one roof the best of what the municipalities have to offer alongside the myriad activities that will showcase the uniqueness and diversity of Palawan. This is a noteworthy undertaking that will give prospective investors a glimpse of the province's tourism potentials and investment opportunities.

It is my hope that Baragatan 2001 will truly be an eyeopener for investors as well as for all sectors in the province in terms of harnessing available resources and developing them into economically viable enterprises. The efforts of the Provincial Government and the people of Palawan to steer the local economy will surely contribute to the overall efforts of the national government toward economic recovery.

Congratulations and may Palawan lead the country to sustainable growth and economic progress in the new millennium.

GLORIA MACAPAGAL- AROYO
President
Republic of the Philippines

DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM

Congratulations to the Provincial Government of Palawan together with its constituents as it celebrates the 99th anniversary of the founding of the civil government of this beautiful province through a week-long festivities from June 17 to 23, 2001.

Baragatan 2001 is a very timely celebration as it coincides with the efforts of the Department of Tourism to heighten awareness on Palawan as one of the country's most beautiful and peaceful tourism destinations in the country.

The audacity, pluck and resilience of the Provincial Government led by your hard-working Governor, the Honorable Joel T. Reyes, to move forward and steer the province toward economic growth is truly admirable. This demonstrates the political will of the provincial leadership to overcome the effects of the unpalatable activities of some bandits to our tourism industry.

I hope the attempts of the Palawan officials with the full support of all Palaweños will provide inspiration and encouragement to other local government units to forge ahead and undertake activities that will revive the tourism industry to its former stature in the international market.

I believe that through hardwork, unity and a stronger tourism sector, we will be able to restore the good image of Palawan and the Philippines in the world.

Mabuhay ang lalawigan ng Palawan.

(SGD.) RICHARD J. GORDON
Secretary
Department of Tourism

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
PROVINCE OF PALAWAN

May I convey my profound wishes for a H[illegible]y 99th Founding Anniv[illegible]y of the Civil Govern[illegible]nt o[illegible] Palawan from June 17 to 23, 2001.

Let us bear in mind that we are not only celebrating another significant milestone in the history of the Provincial Government of Palawan but we are also taking this opportunity to project the province's potentials. With the theme, "Palawan: Haven for Tourism and Investment Opportunities", the occasion provides the various municipalities and private sector participating in the week-long celebration the chance to showcase their agricultural and agri-based commodities, tourism sites, souvenir items and other tourism-related products. This theme affirms the thrust of the present leadership toward the vigorous pursuit of Palawan's tourism industry as well as our business and investment programs to stimulate economic growth.

I enjoin everyone's active participation and support for the various activities lined-up in connection with the 99th Founding Anniversary of the Civil Government of Palawan. Let us be one in the quest to promote Palawan as one province with varied potentials in tourism, trade and industry. Our unity and cooperation will give us the strength and confidence we need, so we, as a province, can make a difference in the country and beyond our shores.

To all my constituents and participants, let us give our support and commitment for the success of our 99th anniversary celebration.

May God bless Palawan.

JOEL T. REYES
Governor
Province of Palawan

PALAWAN will celebrate its diversity and uniqueness while showcasing its tourism potentials and investment opportunities as it commemorates the 99th founding anniversary of the civil government of Palawan on June 23.

Environmental parade and street dancing. Below, [illegible] bountiful [illegible]

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The week-long celebration aptly billed **Baragatan 2001**, slated from June 17 to 23 at the Provincial Capitol, will be a meeting of Palawan's inhabitants coming from the various municipalities of the province, of diverse religions, ethnic backgrounds and economic status. It will also be a convergence of Palawan's abundant blessings -- agricultural crops, fishery, poultry, and livestock and a mingling of cultures -- songs, dances, art and crafts. It will be an assemblage of the ethnic Palaweños namely the Tagbanua, Batak, Cuyonon, Agutaynon, Cagayanen, the Muslim Molbog as well as the other cultural groups that have migrated to the province such as the Ilonggos, the Pampangueños, Batangueños, Warays, Ilokanos, Pangasinenses.

Baragatan spells a positive interaction of peoples and cultures sharing the fruits of the earth and the sea under one roof while showcasing the best of each participating municipality through healthy competitions and events.

The theme for this year's celebration is **Palawan: haven for tourism potentials and investment opportunities.**

Baragatan literally means gathering together or meeting one another. It comes from a Cuyonon word *bagat* which means to meet. Baragatan could also mean a meeting place.

"This is the second year that we are celebrating the founding anniversary of the civil government following the Baragatan concept of convergence of peoples, and cultures. We have made improvements and we have added new events because we want this year's festival to be better than last year's. Baragatan is the festival that will be identified to Palawan," explains Governor Joel T. Reyes. He adds that Baragatan extols the richness of Palawan's natural charm and cultural heritage. "We are a province that has been richly blessed; we have resources that could be converted into economically viable enterprises. We have tourism sites that are among the best in the country and in the world. People from various parts of the world come here to behold and commune with nature. **Baragatan 2001** will emphasize these two facets of Palawan," says Gov. Reyes.

For one whole week, the Provincial Capitol in Puerto Princesa City will be the nerve-center of the myriad activities lined-up for the occasion. Interestingly, there's something that will interest the festival visitor, buyer, trader, consumer and even the participants themselves.

The gamut of activities could be divided into cultural, art, food, trade shows and exhibits, sports and games, livelihood trainings, horticulture, tourism and various services.

A festival will not be complete without the **float parade** which will kick off the Baragatan event in the morning of June 17. These floats will depict the municipality's tourism potential or a major product or crops. In the afternoon, the young and old will dance on the streets in their costumes.

The formal opening of the festivities is also set on Sunday afternoon with Gov. Reyes leading the ceremonies. He will also open the various trade fairs and exhibits around and inside the Capitol building.

Foremost among the services that will be offered during the **Baragatan 2001** is the processing of passports by the **Department of Foreign Affairs Passport Mobile Team** in coordination with the Provincial Public Employment Services Office or **PESO**. With the team in Palawan from June 18 to 22, Palaweños can avail themselves of passports without going through the hassle of going to Manila and forming long queues at the DFA. Another service that the Provincial PESO is offering Palaweños during the Baragatan 2001 is the **Jobs Fair** slated from June 20 to 22.

Different trade fairs and exhibits will run for one whole week. One of the more successful Baragatan fairs is the **LGU trade fair**. Hopping from one LGU booth to the next will be an exciting experience for the Baragatan visitor who will be amazed by the bountiful harvests from the municipalities. A galore of agricultural produce i.e. fruits in season, vegetables, dried fish, bottled products, fresh fish await the visitor.

Palawan and Puerto Princesa City's tourism destinations and packages will be showcased in the **Provincial and City Tourism Council Trade Fair**. Prominent among these are the various resorts found in many parts of the province from the upscale to the reasonably-priced resorts. Tourism operators and resort owners will take advantage of the Baragatan event to promote and market their establishments.

The advances in information technology will be captured in the **IT-World Exhibit** while Palawan's ten major products namely cashew, seaweeds, fish, minor forest products and processed mango will be presented in the **One Village-One Product Fair**. This is a must-see for prospective investors.

The various offices at the Capitol will also engage in a healthy competition through the **Kabisig Capitol Fair**. This will give them the chance to convey through creative presentations, their programs as well as accomplishments.

Palawan's environment will also take the centerstage in **Baragatan 2001**. On June 19, the province of Palawan will celebrate two environmental events. These are the 7th year of the annual **Pista ng Kalikasan**, a provincewide tree-planting and mangrove-planting activity, which will kick off on said date through a ceremonial tree-planting at the Capitol grounds and the 9th year anniversary of the passage of Republic Act 7611 or the Strategic Environmental Plan for Palawan which was signed into law on June 19, 1992. Palawan boasts as the only province with the SEP law purposely created for the protection and conservation of the environment.

To highlight these two environmental events, the Environment and Natural Resources Office-Province has come up with several activities on June 19. It will begin with a ceremonial tree-planting where the guest of honor together with the Provincial officials will plant seedlings at the Capitol grounds. While doing this, school children, each holding a bag of seedling, will be around them to witness the planting of trees. "The presence of the children in the event symbolizes the role of the youth in environmental protection and conservation. It is also one way of conveying the message that we have to continue caring and nurturing our environment to ensure the welfare of future generations," points out Engr. Rodolfo Amurao, Environment and Natural Resources Officer-Province, the lead agency of the Pista ng Kalikasan festivities.

Other events lined-up on the Green day are the environmental float parade to be participated in by the different environmental agencies operating in the province of Palawan and City of Puerto Princesa. Environmental film and a puppet show will be presented.

In the evening, Palawan environmentalists will pay homage to Mother Nature by way of songs and music through **Jamming sa Paraiso**.

Still on the green theme, **Baragatan 2001** has also something for the plant lovers. **A Garden Show** will be held at the Capitol Grounds for the whole week. There will also be workshops to be conducted by experts on Advance Bonsai-Making; dish gardening and terrarium; landscaping; latest trends and opportunities on cutflowers and foliage and post-harvest handling of cutflowers.

On the cultural scene of **Baragatan 2001**, local Kundiman singers will pit talents in a **Kundiman Festival** on June 21. While Palawan's multi-culture will unfold on stage through the **LGU Cultural Night** on June 23, the last day of Baragatan. Homegrown artists and camera bugs will also have their own Baragatan inputs via **Pintura Gallery** organized by the Kamarikutan Cafe and Galeri and the **Kamera Klub** exhibit.

Still one of the much-awaited event in the Baragatan is the **Search for Mutya ng Palawan**. Lovely lasses from the different municipalities will vie for the title in terms of beauty, brains and talent. Although there is only one titlist, all of the participants undergo a transformation, coming out of the search more confident, poised and personable Palaweña beauties.

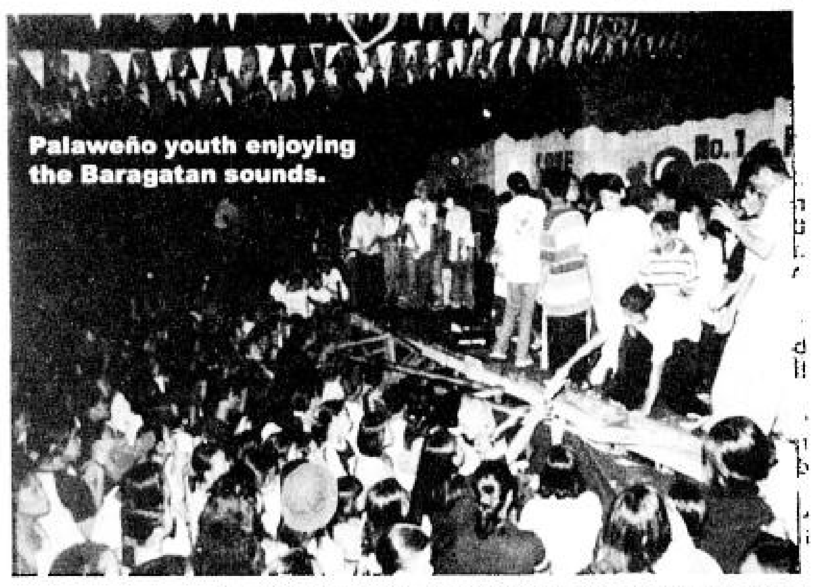
But aside from the pageant, Baragatan offers an exciting culinary experience. For food lovers, gastronomic delights will be sold at the food stalls along Rizal Avenue.

More than just fun, food, and beauty pageant, Baragatan will also extend **free medical services** during the whole week. The Provincial Health Office will conduct blood pressure-taking, weighing of children five-years old and below; dental check up and treatment; hepa B screening; video showing of health program; counselling on nutrition. For those who want to keep fit, the PHO staff will lead Baragatan visitors to a ballroom dancing-cum aerobics exercise in Hataw Bayan.

The Barangay Environment, Agriculture and Nutrition Scholars or BEANS who will be converging at the Capitol for their annual **BEANS convention** will surely enjoy the exhilarating hataw exercise. According to the Provincial Nutrition Officer Socorro S. Tan, the BEANS Convention will not be like the usual one held annually. Instead the almost 500-strong BEANS will participate in the various training activities and other Baragatan programs. At the end of the day, they will converge and present learnings learned from the events.

Baragatan 2001 is bursting to the seams with the frenzy of activities. Definitely, a positive sign that all is well and alive in the country's last ecological frontier. "We will not allow the dastardly acts of some bandit group to ruin our tourism industry and delay our prospects for economic growth and development. We are taking the necessary steps to achieve our goals," Gov. Reyes beams with optimism.

With the buntings swaying merrily with the wind and the sound of the flute and drums in the air, **Baragatan 2001** certainly portends of better things to come for Palawan.



Palaweño youth enjoying the Baragatan sounds.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF PALAWAN

MUCH has changed since the cave-dwelling times of the Tabon Man to the text-generation of Palaweños today. While the indigenous people who are possible descendants of the Tabon Cave's inhabitants still remain in their upland abode, the face of modern-day Palawan reflects the multitude of cultural influences that have found their way into these bountiful shores.

Artifacts recovered from caves and offshore waters attest to the arrival of ancient Chinese traders from Borneo to Palawan a long time ago. A Chinese author's reference to the island as *Palau-ye* provide a clue to the origin of the province's name, although it is also interesting to note that one of the tribes in the island is called Pala'wan. Malay settlers began arriving in the 12th century and much of Palawan was under Moslem rule before the Spaniards arrived 400 years later.

Clashes between Moslem communities and Spanish colonizer spawned the construction of forts in many of Palawan's islands, their ruins still dominating the landscape in some towns. The territory was divided into several provinces at various times, depending on the dominant military force at any given period. Finally, the Sultanate of Borneo gave up southern Palawan in the 18th century and Spain gained entire control over the islands.

When the Americans took over, they established a civil government in what was then known as Paragua on June 23, 1902. The territory of the province was expanded to include the southern and northern islands a year later and its name was changed to Palawan in 1905.

On May 12, 1988, the provincial government of Palawan passed a unanimous resolution adopting the date of the establishment of the first civil government as the basis for the anniversary of the founding of the province. Since then, June 23 has been celebrated to commemorate the founding of Palawan's civil government.

A long walk . . .

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family paid a P6-million ransom for her release through a female doctor close to the bandits.

That source said the doctor met Jao's relatives at the Zamboanga airport four days ago, paving the way for the pay-off.

But asked if ransom had been paid for the three freed hostages, Tiglao said: "We don't know. They haven't been debriefed. They will be debriefed immediately."

Reliable INQUIRER sources said "no soldiers were involved" in the ex-hostages' walk to freedom.

"Because of the military operations, the Abu Sayyaf gave away two (of its hostages) to ease the military pressure on (the group)," said another source who asked not to be named.

Asked yesterday about Chua, the source said there was no word on her but that her name had "really cropped up," but Tiglao said there was no news about her.

"You (the INQUIRER) are really insisting on it," he said. "There is no P10 million. That's a rumor."

Asked why the government could not verify the reported payment of ransom, Tiglao said: "But you shouldn't be quoting figures that you cannot verify. What if it's only P100,000?"

Since the start of the latest hostage crisis, the government has maintained a no-ransom policy.

Ex-hostage's story

Ganzon told the RMN radio station that the Abu Sayyaf one night "tied Sobero's hands behind his back using a thick nylon cord," but he could not fix the exact date.

"I don't know if the term is hogtied, but then he (Sobero) was bought out of the team, from where the rest of the hostages were, and that was the last time that I saw him."

He said the kidnappers decided on their action after Abu Sabaya suspected he was being double-crossed by a government emissary because a military pursuit operation had not eased up.

"Sabaya had the impression that there was an implicit agreement that the military operation would momentarily be stopped," the ex-hostage said.

Ganzon, a lawyer, said both Sobero and US missionary Martin Burnham were slightly wounded after the kidnappers clashed with the military in the town of Lamitan on the first two days of June.

Burnham, held with his wife Gracia, sustained "a shrapnel wound," Ganzon said without elaborating.

"Sobero was also hit on the right foot and he was in pain when we were withdrawing. The others had splinters on their feet, but they were superficial wounds."

Vitamin withdrawal

Ganzon said that during the long sea voyage aboard a speedboat from the Palawan resort where they were abducted to Basilan, Sobero was already "under some form of vitamin withdrawal, and he was sick and in a withdrawal mode."

"But surprisingly, despite all these complaints about his apparent sickness he was strong enough to survive that never-ending walk in the mountains."

Ganzon said all 20 hostages were piled up in one bus when they descended on Lamitan on June 1, but that the captives were split up into several groups after that.

During the clash nine Filipino hostages, including Ganzon's wife and Jao's mother, escaped, but the rebels killed two other Filipino hostages. One of them was beheaded.

After Lamitan, where the rebels also seized four hospital staff members including two nurses and a midwife, "they divided us into three groups," Ganzon said.

He said the physical condition of the hostages had "deteriorated" by that time "from sheer exhaustion, lack of sleep and lack of food. Even the nurses are sick."

Villamor

The Inq-7 source said Uy and Ganzon were kept at the Hotel Asturias in downtown Zamboanga City before they were presented to authorities and flown to Manila.

The ex-hostages arrived on board an Air Force plane at Villamor Air Base around 5:25 p.m. from Zamboanga City. Present to welcome them were the fathers of Uy and Ganzon, Golez and Armed Forces Chief of Staff Brig. Gen. Diomedio Villanueva.

The President dispatched the military plane to fly the freed hostages out of harm's way as soon as she was informed of the news.

She was to have met them at the air base at 4:30 p.m., but she decided to have them brought to Malacañang instead.

Shortly before 6 p.m., Tiglao issued a statement confirming that the three hostages "have been saved."

The statement read:"The lives of a young girl, a father and a Muslim religious leader have been saved and they have finally left the hell the Abu Sayyaf had cruelly thrown them into."

"The information we have at this time is that the three victims of the Abu Sayyaf after two days' walk reached Isabela in Basilan at midnight and arrived at the residence of Mr. Mochtar Mohti, who then immediately informed President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo of the development," Tiglao said in the statement.

He said the ex-hostages did not appear to have been harmed, and showed "only (the hardship of) living in the jungle for three weeks."

After waiting for two hours for the President's convoy to leave for Villamor, reporters and photographers learned that she had cancelled the trip and decided to wait at the Palace.

Explaining the change in plans, Tiglao said: "For security reasons, (the ex-hostages) would have to be brought immediately out of Villamor."

'Compadre'

The INQUIRER source said that after walking for two days, the ex-hostages reached the house of Mohti, whom he identified as a *compadre* of Latip's.

"They just took a ferry, the four of them, to Zamboanga City, and nobody recognized them," the source said. "They went to Zamboanga and presented themselves to an emissary of the President."

The source declined to name the emissary or to say whether the emissary had known of the release in advance.

Tipo-Tipo Mayor Joel Maturan had earlier reported that Latip was beheaded by the Abu Sayyaf faction led by Abu Sabaya.

Of the 20 taken from Dos Palmas, seven are still in the bandits' hands.

The US state department issued on Thursday another advisory warning Americans "to exercise great caution throughout the Philippines."

It urged Americans "to be particularly cautious in public areas and not approach or linger in the vicinity of a bomb-related incident."

The military official who told the INQUIRER about the supposed ransom payments for Uy and Chua said he made the disclosure to put a "total stop to the negotiations" for ransom.

He named Dr. Huda Lim as the supposed negotiator for Uy and Chua, but Lim denied this.

He also cited reports that the remaining hostages had been divided by their captors into two groups.

Golez said that "now, informers have been activated, especially the civilian component. Even at the barangay level, (civilians) are slowly gaining confidence in giving information on the movements of the Abu Sayyaf." *With reports from AFP, AP, Inq-7*

Is Janjalani dead?

By JULIE ALIPALA-INOT
PDI Mindanao Bureau

ZAMBOANGA CITY—Is Basilan-based Abu Sayyaf leader Khadaffy Janjalani dead?

Basilan Gov. Wahab Akbar said reports reaching him indicated that Janjalani was killed in an encounter either in Lamitan or Tuburan town last week.

"I think he is already dead. We've been monitoring the movements of these Abu Sayyaf bandits, but our informants see only (Abu Sayyaf spokesperson Abu Ahmad Salayuddin alias Abu) Sabaya with their captives," Akbar said.

"They(informants) had never seen Khadaffy after the encounter last June 4 in Tuburan," Akbar told the INQUIRER.

Basilan Rep. Gerry Salapuddin also received reports that Janjalani had been injured in the Lamitan siege on June 2.

"He was reportedly hit in the foot. I don't know which foot. I was also told that Sabaya took a horse for Khadaffy's use in Tuburan before fleeing to an undisclosed direction. I don't know if he is dead already," Salapuddin said.

Offensive intensified

The military has intensified its offensives against the bandits.

Joint Task Force Comet chief Brig. Gen. Romeo Dominguez said eight battalions of military troops were now in Basilan.

Aside from the four Army battalions and two Scout Ranger battalions, "we injected two more Marine battalions," Dominguez said.

Akbar said the bandits were still hiding in the 40,000-hectare Sampinit complex in Sumisip and in Tuburan.

Akbar said the eight battalions of government troops were not enough, saying the area was so big.

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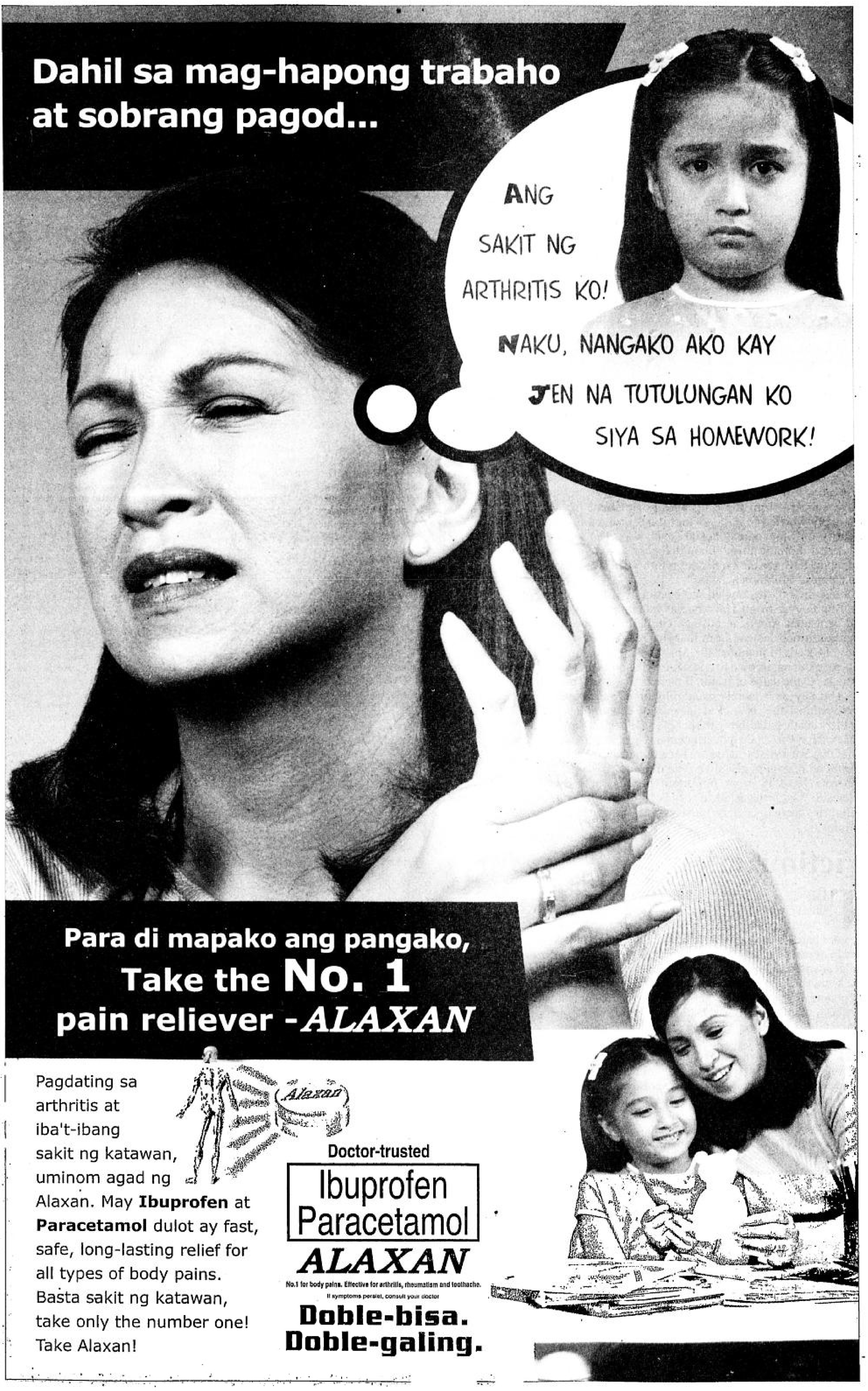
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EDITORIALS

Segregation

KIDNAP for ransom is the fastest growing sunrise industry. Overnight, it has made entrepreneurs and tycoons out of self-proclaimed religious bandits in Mindanao who have made a twisted reading of the Holy Koran and found in it heavenly sanction for their modern version of slave trading, not to say their propensity for decapitating victims who cannot be ransomed. Head north and the same goes for kidnap gangs victimizing mainly the ethnic Chinese. If the Chinese can build malls and dominate retail, heck these gangs can kidnap mall magnates and make them items for retail exchange.

As it grows, the kidnap industry appears to have also fostered some manner of racial segregation in which foreign victims are held to be extremely important while locals are deemed to be expendable. In recent reports of the ethnic Chinese front for instance, alarm has been raised about the growing incidence of kidnapping of Chinese-Singaporeans. Only last week, the Singaporean press reported that a Singaporean woman paid S$300,000 (P8.4 million) to her husband's Filipino kidnappers. The standard expression of grave concern from the Singapore government has understandably worried Manila, so that it has ordered heightened security for Singaporean businessmen here. But what about Chinese-Filipinos, then? Should the government relax its kidnap watch once the syndicates return to their old pasture—the Chinese-Filipino enclaves?

Something of the tangled segregation is also happening in the Abu Sayyaf front. The Abu Sayyaf announcement that it had beheaded American hostage Guillermo Sobero has not been confirmed. Instead the military has recovered the headless body of Ustadz Mohaimin Sahi. Apparently the Muslim teacher had gone out on his own to convince the bandits to release the hostages in the name of Islam. If there is any strong proof that the Abu Sayyaf is merely using religion as an excuse for its depredations, this is it. But instead of capitalizing on the ustadz's death and rallying the people against the Abu Sayyaf, what we have from the government are official statements of relief that Sobero's head has not been found, and so the greater likelihood that he is still alive. The impression we get is that Sobero's head is more important because it is marked "Stateside" while the ustadz's head is Third World. In fact, the authorities seem to be in no hurry to reunite the ustadz's head with his body.

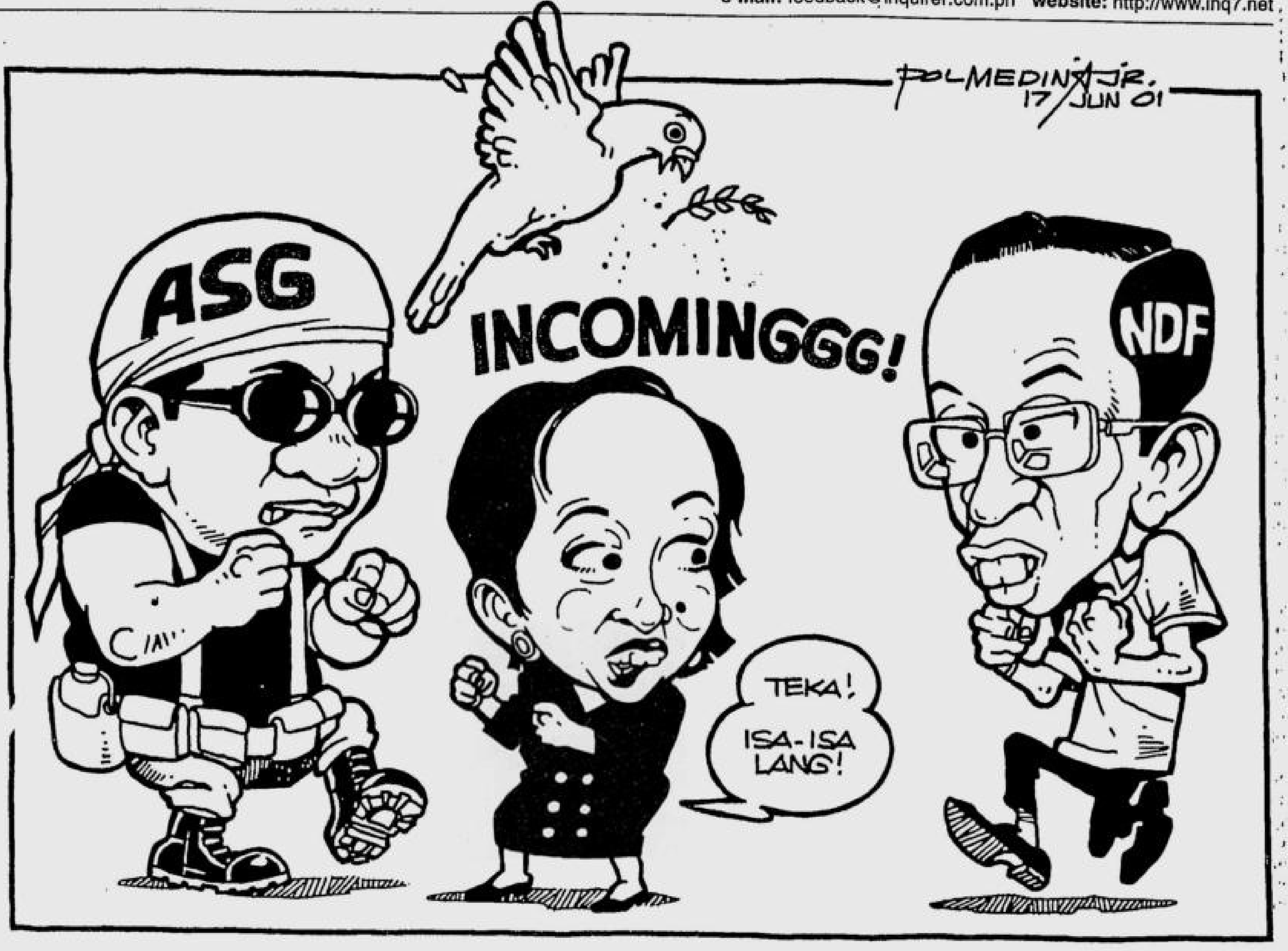
Victimization

THE GOVERNMENT may not realize it but the breakdown of peace and order, which after all can be traced to our social and economic deterioration that hits the poor hard, is widening further the social gap. Since May 1, when a mob instigated by opposition interlopers nearly overran Malacañang, we have heard of doomsday prognostications. The scenarists should not look far. The direst predictions are happening now. Look at the merry kidnap-for-ransom industry.

Metro Manila itself has become a Wild, Wild West of criminality. In Quezon City alone this week, car thefts have taken place one after the other. Over at Balete Drive, Rene Villanueva, a playwright and the creator of the "Batibot" children's show, was shot in the face by robbers who commandeered his car. On Banawe Street, the capital of "cannibalized" car parts, armed men crashed into the North Park Restaurant, held up all the diners, and stayed for some minutes more to raid the kitchen and gorge on exotic Chinese food.

Many of the victims in these capers are the middle class, and it is not farfetched to presume the poor have been victimized a thousand more, except that their victimization does not merit the headlines or government attention. In any case, the breakdown in law and order will certainly affect the business climate, whose decline will strike the poor most.

While the Abu Sayyaf has landed the Philippines on the world notoriety map with its brazen seizure of foreign tourists, and while Manila's kidnap-for-ransom gangs have gone the Abu Sayyaf way by pouncing on non-Filipino Chinese, the government and the public must realize that in the end, most of the victims are Filipinos who deserve the same heated efforts at rescue as that exerted officially on foreign victims. Thus, there must be no segregation in bringing the victims to safety. The inhumanity of the Abu Sayyaf bandits and professional kidnap gangs must not result in our own dehumanization. That would be self-inflicted victimization.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The Supreme Court dinner

SEPARATE OPINION

Isagani A. Cruz

THE SUPREME COURT celebrated Judiciary Week from June 4 to 11 with a week-long program focused on its centenary. Highlight of the festivities was the dinner held last Monday at the Manila Hotel with President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo as guest of honor and principal speaker.

President Macapagal delivered a well-received address that paid fitting compliments to the Supreme Court for its efforts to strengthen the judiciary as the bastion of justice and the conscience of the government. Naturally, she expressed gratitude for its decision affirming the legitimacy of her government. The only shortcoming of her speech, from my own viewpoint at least, was that it was rather long.

Justice Minerva Gonzaga Reyes delivered a brief invocation that could not have tried the patience of the Lord like most pretentious prayers. Chief Justice Hilario G. Davide's welcome address was just the right length, and so was his traditional introduction of the President. Correctly, he merely announced her as the next speaker without the usual cloying praises used by those ignorant of presidential protocol.

The rest of the program, I regret to say, practically converted us into a captive audience hardly able to resist the imposition on our politeness.

The foreign magistrate who spoke on behalf of the several judicial representatives from various countries teased Chief Justice Davide for his "brief lecture (that afternoon) consisting of 100 pages." However, he opened himself to similar criticism when the short remarks he was supposed to deliver in acknowledgment of our hospitality also lengthened into another lecture.

I hope I am not merely carping when I say that the evening was marred by an alleged singer who sang a touted song that was not really that heart-tugging. Worse, she squealed it loud enough and long enough to permanently damage our eardrums. Then there was that indigenous wedding dance, performed by court employees from far-off Basilan, that would have been charming if it had been limited to five minutes or so. It became tiresome after that.

What I especially noticed from the participants was that, except for a few who knew their phonics, they mispronounced "centennial" as "cen-TIN-nial." I stressed in this column in 1998 that the correct pronunciation was "cen-TEN-nial," according to Webster. Considering that the purpose of the celebrations was to mark the centennial of the Supreme Court, I had expected that prudent persons would have found it instructive to consult the dictionary on how to pronounce the event.

The audience was a mix of distinguished personalities from the political arena, the diplomatic corps, the media, the business sector, and of course the legal profession. There were some persons, though, who didn't belong there, and a few were even known enemies of the present regime. Inappropriately, there they were in the choice tables at the center area as special guests of the individual justices of the Supreme Court and not of the Court itself. I did not see Lucio Tan or Dante Tan or Mark Jimenez although I would not have been surprised if I did.

The retired justices of the Supreme Court were sidelined in the less prominent places like poor relations. As president of our Association, Justice Abraham F. Sarmiento complained about the snub. Elo Fernan, Chief Justice Celing's widow, found a seat in an obscure corner with her daughter Mitoy, who is a practicing lawyer. Exceptionally, Chief Justice Enrique M. Fernando was fittingly respected. Chief Justice Andres R. Narvasa and his wife Jani had intended to come but for the demise of their daughter-in-law Chat, who passed away at the age of 40.

I met many friends who complimented me on my recent column about Noli de Castro and assured me of their full concurrence. That only proved that misery loves company. Somebody informed me of the adverse reaction of some radio announcers, including a waspish broadcaster who apparently belongs to her idol's ilk. Maybe she hopes to be another unqualified Senate topnotcher? So much for little minds with big mouths.

President Macapagal won high marks that evening not only for her speech. After the dinner, and before leaving, she went around the audience shaking hands with everyone and making graceful remarks that must have thrilled many admirers and even those who had not yet made up their mind about her. Another president would have regally left with his security cordon around him and only a general wave of goodbye, if at all, to the distant guests. This lady showed style.

Despite the little irritations, the dinner was a delightful evening. The best fare was not the food but the opportunity to meet old friends and make new ones. There were some colleagues I missed who had earlier gone to another and Higher Court. The affair would have glittered more with the presence of esteemed jurists like Claudio Teehankee, Vicente Abad Santos, Marcelo Fernan, Nestor Alampay, Edgardo Paras, Leo Medialdea and Irene Cortes, who all sat with us on the Court many cherished years ago.

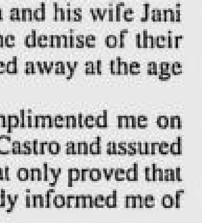
The present and future Supreme Courts will face their own tasks with improved technical facilities if not also better intellectual credentials. The information technology has already vastly broadened judicial study and research and will surely open new fields of knowledge and discovery. But mechanical aids are only part of the equipment of the judiciary and cannot ensure the strengthening of moral values, which are essential ingredients of justice under law. The Court should provide the leadership in the quest of this objective.

For the success of the Supreme Court dinner, much credit is due Justice Artemio G. Panganiban, its affable overall chair. As such, he readily owns to its minor imperfections on the theory that "the buck stops here." I used to regard him as a brash young fellow, too pushy for his own good, but have since grown to admire him for his record on the Court, particularly his liberal views. I'm watching his career with confident expectations.

Givers

MOMENTS

Fr. Jerry M. Orbos, SVD



SOME years ago, my classmate, Fr. Gil Alejandria, SVD, made a trip to Vancouver, Canada, to donate one of his kidneys to his younger brother Jess. He gave a part of his flesh so that his brother might live.

Today, the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, we are reminded of Christ's giving of His very own Body and Blood so that we may live, and live fully. If you are not living fully, maybe it is because the Bread of Life is not a part of your diet. Don't deprive yourself of this most important ingredient of your earthly life. When was the last time you partook of Christ's Body and Blood?

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The whole message of the multiplication of the loaves (Lk. 9, 1-11) is that of sharing and giving. Imagine Jesus preaching and healing the whole day. That surely was enough. But it wasn't. The people were hungry, and the easiest and the most logical thing to do was to dismiss them as the disciples suggested, right? Wrong. Jesus went on to feed them and even gave them their take-home share. That's what real giving is all about. Give *na* give *talaga*. The problem with us is that we give, yes, but often, it is calculated and conditional. Not give *na* give, but one give, two gives, three gives *lang*!

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In this life, there are givers and there are takers. Givers are those like Father Gil who literally sacrifice life and limb for others. Givers are soldiers who risk their lives defending others. Likewise, givers are our Filipino missionaries out there who have left home, country and family, enduring deprivation, loneliness and even persecution for the sake of the Gospel. Givers are the many simple people who do an honest day's work, so that the family can eat. Givers are everywhere, often unknown and unnoticed. They just give and give. No fuss. No hype. No air. No pretense. Just plain and simple giving.

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Takers? They are everywhere, too. The worst of their kind are the Abu Sayyaf who take innocent people and use them as hostages. Bad, really bad. But not any better are many of our politicians and public servants who take our people's money. The simple people pay for their salaries and upkeep, but instead of serving them, they go on to deprive them of what is truly theirs. They take the limelight, the honor and the glory in our society. We even address them as "honorable" and "distinguished," right? Honorable and distinguished thieves!

Come to think of it, our country and our people would be very progressive and rich now if we did not have politicians and public servants who are thieves and takers. So what's the difference between the Abu Sayyaf and some of our politicians? Not much really. They are thieves, but the former are the *garapal* and the *lantaran* type, while the latter are more discreet and classy. They have finesse. They are "honorable." Maybe that's what is meant by the saying, "There is honor among thieves."

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I apologize for an unintentional mistake I made in last Sunday's column, advancing Father's Day by a week. The message remains the same: Happy Father's Day! We salute you, dear fathers, and we praise God, our loving and generous Father! Maybe it was not a mistake after all. We should pay homage to fathers and to God our Father more often.

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After writing about my own father, I received more beautiful stories about him, like the time he received an award for being an outstanding public servant, coming from the Bureau of Customs at that. Papa taught us to be generous. When there were beggars who came to our house, he would call us, put the money and food in our hands and together we gave it to the beggars.

There are many more stories I can share about him, but the point I want to make is that fathers should be always aware of the legacy and the name they leave behind. They must look beyond their personal agenda, even beyond their lifetime for the sake of their children, and the grandchildren who come after them. In short, fathers must be real givers, not takers. Fathers out there, are you giving enough? You have children who will reap what you sow now. Think about it.

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To all of you givers out there, keep on giving. The world may seem unfair many times, but take comfort in this text message I received from Bob and Joy Gothong recently: "If God has made you a giver, your hands are born open and so is your heart. There may be times when your hands are empty, but your heart will always be full."

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This Friday, June 22, is the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, and Saturday is the Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Fathers, remember that more than your strength, more than your power and position, your children will long remember you for your heart. Go back to your heart. Yes, you are expected to be strong. But remember your greatest strength is found in your heart. Continue to give. Fathers, have a heart.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

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A moment with the Lord:

Lord, while I live, help me to give and give till it hurts, till the very last beat of my heart. Amen.

The folly of the 'universal charge'

CROSSCURRENTS

Antonio T. Carpio

ONE of the least understood provisions in the Power Reform Law is the levy called "universal charge" to be paid by all electricity end-users. One basic defect of the universal charge is that by mandate of law, money is collected from the public to pay a private debt. Another defect is that it is imposed even on those who generate their own power, without being connected to any distribution utility.

The universal charge, which comprises more than 50 percent of the total power rate, is imposed to pay two obligations, one public and the other private. The public obligation refers to the net stranded costs of the National Power Corp. after the sale of its assets, as well as to public charges such as missionary electrification and watershed rehabilitation. The private obligation refers to the stranded costs of private distribution utilities which bought on long-term basis power from affiliated private generating companies at exorbitant rates.

For a levy or charge imposed by law to be constitutional, it must be used for a public purpose. The legislature cannot validly enact a law imposing a levy to pay the debt of a private company to another private company. It is a fundamental constitutional principle that money raised through the taxing or police power of the state must be spent only for a public purpose.

The Constitution provides that no person shall be deprived of property without due process of law. Due process of law, as understood since the dawn of constitutional democracy, requires that money collected from the public by force of law should be used only for the public welfare. The use of a public levy for a private purpose is equivalent to the taking of private property without due process of law.

The universal charge, insofar as it is used to pay a private debt, is no different from the coconut levy. The dictator Ferdinand Marcos through a decree, imposed a levy on coconut farmers and declared the levy as private funds beyond the power of the Commission on Audit to examine. The portion of the universal charge that is used to pay a private debt is placed beyond the jurisdiction of the COA which is duty-bound under the Constitution to examine and audit all public funds.

The stranded costs of private distribution utilities can be legally recovered only through a **contract** between the end-user and the distribution utility. When an end-user subscribes to a distribution utility, he voluntarily binds himself to pay the power charges of the utility as approved by the government regulatory agency after the usual public hearings. This is how a public utility recovers its costs and makes a profit, not through a direct levy by force of legislation.

This brings us to end-users who generate their own power and who do not have any contractual relationship with a distribution utility. Under the Power Reform Law, these self-generating end-users are required to pay the same universal charge as end-users who buy power from a distribution utility. There is no legal or economic justification whatsoever for making self-generating end-users pay the private debt of a private distribution utility.

Our textile industry has practically been wiped out because of our very high power cost. Textile mills in our Asean neighbors, enjoying 60 to 80 percent cheaper power, have flooded our country with cheaper products. In the textile industry the power cost is three times the labor cost, showing how critical power cost is to this industry.

The only remaining textile mill in the country survived because it put up its own four-megawatt power plant at a cost of $1 million per megawatt. This textile mill does not buy a single kilowatt of power from any distribution utility. Under the Power Reform Law, it will have to pay the same universal charge as all end-users, increasing its power cost at least four times. The universal charge is certain to kill the only surviving textile mill in the country.

There are also at least two large cement factories in the country that have put up their own power plants. These factories put up their own power plant at a cost of $1 million per megawatt because this was the only way to survive the onslaught of cheap imports from low power-cost countries like Taiwan.

The local cement industry, which is a heavy user of power, has lost 22 percent of its local market to cheaper imports. The market share of imports is rapidly increasing due to our low tariff rates. With the universal charge added to the power cost of even self-generating local cement factories, the cement industry in this country is headed for extinction just like the textile industry.

Our island resorts in Palawan are also in danger of extinction, not because of the Abu Sayyaf but because of the universal charge, a more rapacious killer than the dreaded armed bandits. These resorts bought their own generating sets out of pure necessity: these islands are not connected to any distribution utility.

Under the Power Reform Law, these resorts must also pay the universal charge even if they are totally isolated from the national grid. The law expressly states "**any end-user or self-generating entity not connected to a distribution utility shall remit its corresponding universal charge directly to the TRANSCO.**"

Technically, under the Power Reform Law, even a household that turns on its generating set during a brownout must also pay the universal charge for every kilowatt of power generated by its own stand-by generating set. The universal charge, as the name implies, applies to the entire universe of power users in this country, even those who buy and use their own small generating sets.

The glaring defects in the universal charge make it constitutionally infirm. The Power Reform Law is one law that obviously needs, quite urgently, a major surgical reform even at this early stage in its life.

Cape May memories

AT LARGE

Rina Jimenez-David

CAPE May is known as "The Oldest Seaside Resort in America." Located in the southern coast of New Jersey, Cape May would witness an extraordinary exodus each summer, as families from the American South walked down the planks of ferries to take up residence in summer homes and cottages or in hotels. Thanks to a concerted conservation drive, these charming gingerbread structures of wood have been preserved and are now painted in luscious pastel shades or in classic contrasts of white walls and dark green awnings and shutters. Strolling down Cape May's streets is like taking a walk to the Victorian past, an experience one had not exactly envisioned upon hearing "New Jersey," which conjured images of freeways, dumps, oil refineries and shopping malls.

Cape May proved to be the idyllic backdrop to the wedding of my niece, Dada Apigo (better known to her American friends as "Immac"), and her long-time love, Todd Bruce. Dada and Todd met in ninth grade (first year high school for us) and, except for a brief interlude when they went their separate ways for college, have been together ever since. Dada also happens to be my goddaughter, and I have followed with fondness and concern the twists and turns of her life from infancy to young womanhood. So when Dada announced last year that she and Todd had gotten engaged and were planning for their wedding, there was no question that, time and finances permitting, I would be there to personally witness the event.

As it happened, four of us from the family would make the long journey from the Philippines: myself and my daughter Miya, and my brothers Bo and Father Boboy, whom Dada specifically requested to officiate at the wedding.

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ARRIVING in Washington, D.C. on May 15, we had only a day to rest before boarding a mini-caravan from Virginia to New Jersey. We piled into three vehicles: the four of us, my sister Chona, her husband Willy Cruz and their three children, brother Manny and his wife Fe, and maternal cousins Ditas Gavino and Lulu Garcia and Lulu's companion, Reggie.

We arrived in Cape May just a few hours before the scheduled rehearsal and rehearsal dinner. To our delight, we found out that we would all be together in a seven-room, three-floor house with Dada's mom, my sister Neneng, and Dada's siblings—Fani, an obstetrician practicing in Arizona, and Dennis, who is based in Los Angeles, and his Korean-American wife Regina and their daughter, Naomi. For the first few minutes as we hugged and kissed and brought in our bags and belongings, it seemed like we were caught up in some madcap live version of "Hotel," or better yet, "Animal House." Dr. Ted Braganza, our maternal uncle, and his daughter Lia had also driven from Jamestown, Virginia, and were booked at a nearby hotel.

It was at the rehearsal in a small, picturesque chapel that we first met Todd's family: his parents Bob and Jackie Bruce, two sisters and brother, a nephew and assorted aunts and cousins. Later, during rehearsal dinner at a lobster place, we met the full panoply of the Bruces' extended family and friends. Of Irish stock, the Bruces are typically warm, gregarious and exuberant. Meeting them collectively was like being embraced in a huge bear hug.

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ORIGINALLY, Dada had nursed the fantasy of getting married in the Hundred Islands, in our hometown of Alaminos, Pangasinan. This was where she and her siblings had spent their early childhood and apparently, the islands held a claim on her heart and imagination.

Cape May, it turns out, is to Todd what the Hundred Islands are to Dada. Jackie Bruce had spent childhood summers there with a beloved aunt, and had taken to bringing her children there on vacation.

But even if the locale had to be transplanted to the Atlantic coast, Dada's wish to have a wedding with Filipino touches was still fulfilled. She had her and her mother's gown made here (by my friend Minette Santiago), and had the male members of the entourage, namely Todd, his father, brother and nephew wear *barong*. The Bruces marveled at both the fragility and fit of the *barong*, and had all the American guests ogling.

They also craned their necks at that distinctly "Filipino" part of the ceremonies, as Chona and I laid the veil, and two of Todd's aunts laid the cord on the bride and groom. The cold air was rushing the thin wooden walls of the chapel, so it was clear we were not in the Philippines. But these touches of old, familiar rituals made it feel momentarily like home.

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"HOW much do you believe that Todd and Immac are meant to be together?" asked Father Boboy in his homily. "I went down from my parish in the mountains and took a 10-hour bus trip to Manila, then a 14-hour plane ride from the Philippines. But I made the journey willingly because I believe that they are truly meant for each other. That is how much I believe in them."

My cousin Lia said she started tearing up the moment she set eyes on Dada marching down the aisle on the arm of her mother, Neneng. ("She was the one who raised us," explained Dada of her choice, her mom and father Tony having divorced many years ago.) I felt the tears welling upon hearing Dada's voice break as she struggled to utter her vows. But overall, it was an occasion for happiness, joy, blessings and love.

The wedding party continued at the Hotel Chalfonte, another picturesque, turn-of-the-century Cape May landmark. There we were joined by our Jimenez cousins, Annette and Nating and Tess and her husband Tom Sulcer, who had driven from New York, and we partied till way past midnight.

Cape May, for this happy and gratified godmother, will always conjure loving memories.

A time for alternatives

PUBLIC LIVES

Randy David

THE STORY is told that in Basilan public school teachers know more or less when the dreaded Abu Sayyaf would strike again. The older boys in their classes suddenly disappear at the same time. These schoolboys, meek pupils a good part of the year, are the bandit group's reserve army, trained to become fighters for an idea bigger than them.

There is a thin line dividing banditry from revolutionary activity. Both are crimes in the state's eyes. Their perpetrators take the law into their own hands, dispense their own brand of justice, kill people and seize property.

Plain bandits, however, don't acknowledge any public accountability for what they do. They don't engage in rhetorical warfare and they have no need for spokespersons. In contrast, revolutionary groups, especially those with a long ideological tradition, take pains to explain the basis of their actions.

Which one is the Abu Sayyaf? The government has no other label for them but "bandits." That's a notch lower than "terrorists" in the Philippine military's vocabulary. I personally believe that for taking innocent civilians, including children, as hostages, for killing people who have not offended them in any way, and for raping women they have captured, they deserve to be called bandits. But definitions seldom capture social phenomena in a precise way. To treat the Abu Sayyaf as nothing more than plain bandits blinds us to the complex social realities and perceptions from which they derive their contested legitimacy.

It is not difficult to believe that the young Muslims who leave school to join the Abu Sayyaf may be doing so not just for the money or the adventure but for an ideal or a belief. It also seems quite obvious that the group, with its cargo of hostages, would have a hard time eluding military pursuit if some of the local communities and residents were not protecting them. I think we must be prepared to see that for all its barbaric methods, the Abu Sayyaf, in the average Islamic mind, may in fact refer to something more lofty than banditry. And that therefore the alternative it poses may not be just to the hegemony of the Philippine state, but also to the futility of the MNLF and MILF projects.

It is natural for us who advocate modern nationhood to feel desperate over our seeming incapacity to get our act together after we have won a second chance to start afresh. In May, a backlash from the deposed president's supporters kept the new government on its toes. Now the daring raid by the Abu Sayyaf on a secluded idyllic resort in Palawan has scared away the foreign tourists and investors we are trying so hard to lure into our country. Presidential spokesperson Rigoberto Tiglao is correct when he said that the bandits have taken hostage not only defenseless human beings but the spirit of the whole nation.

The euphoria of People Power II is gone. A pervasive gloom has taken its place. The phenomenon that quickened the nation's pulse in January has come to a halt. The visions we had in our heads when we marched to Edsa this year have suddenly come face to face with the reality of the nation's accumulated problems.

It is not easy to modernize and strengthen our institutions while we are fighting a war of secession in one part of the country. We cannot be talking about governance while half of our people, demanding fulfillment of their most basic human needs, threaten to mount their own revolt. And if we cannot punish those who think of themselves as beyond the reach of the law, one group or other is bound to carry out a vigilante role.

It is a bad time for any government. Jose Maria Sison, writing from faraway Netherlands, observes that "The socio-economic and political crisis of the ruling system is exceedingly favorable for pursuing the people's war for national liberation and democracy." One wishes that, beyond justifying the killing of Rodolfo Aguinaldo for his "blood debts" and threatening to launch a full-scale people's war, Sison would come forward with concrete proposals for solving the nation's problems. How feasible is the Sison alternative?

What the Macapagal administration is trying to do is keep the ship afloat even as it tries to plug the holes created by past neglect, unmitigated plunder, unresolved conflicts and outright oppression. Our nation is an old ship, waiting to be refitted for distant and more ambitious voyages in the open sea. Massive repairs cannot be done because old debts incurred by previous administrations need to be repaid, and the burden must yet again be passed on to those who least benefited from previous borrowings. The threat of a mutiny from below looms constantly, while an unrepentant elite continues to act indifferently.

This is a time for alternatives. The Marcos authoritarian project in the 1970s imploded from the weight of its own corruption. The elitist project of Ramos, Aquino, and now of Macapagal, which focuses on governance and modernization, tends to underestimate the urgency and gravity of poverty and marginalization. On the other hand, the populist sultanate of Estrada was simply incapable of governing and leading a nation under modern circumstances. Some military officers may be dreaming of a social order managed by patriotic reformist soldiers. Do they believe that a nation like ours, given the peculiarity of its own development, can be run by a military junta? The same can be asked of those who seek political shortcuts.

Men make history, Marx said, but they must do so under circumstances not chosen by themselves.

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For your penance. . .

COMMENTARY

Didith Tan-Rodrigo

IN HIS article "Forgiving the Church," Fr. Ruben Villote asks for forgiveness for the sins of omission against the poor and for the Church hierarchy's disregard of their grievances. Father Villote refers to a need for an official act of contrition and even cites the need to make reparations.

This leads me to ask: What form will such reparations take? Was Father Villote writing in the abstract? Was he speaking on his own behalf? Perhaps. But since he brought it up, allow me to push the envelope just a little further.

Reparations to me mean reforms: reforms in the way the Church conducts its business and reforms in the way it relates to its followers. I have long felt that the Church has been out of touch, not just with the poor, but with its flock in general. So I now propose reforms—and reparations—that I, for one, think are long overdue.

First, improve the ergonomics of Massgoing.

What is it that churches have against ventilation? I don't mean air-conditioning, I just mean opening a few windows to let air flow. A couple of months back, I went to Mass at this magnificent church in the Visayas. It was newly built. It could hold a thousand people. The altar was all gilded. The Mass I attended was at 6 in the evening. The church was packed. The problem was, it was hot. The windows near the ceiling were closed, trapping the heat emanating from hundreds of bodies in close quarters. Although the pillars were topped with electric fans, these were too small and too few—about 20 for the entire church—to have much effect. If church administrators spent a little less on the altar and a little more on ventilation, I'm sure the flock would have been appreciative.

Special attention also has to be given to acoustics. I have been to many churches whose speaker systems render priests and lectors unintelligible. If the purpose of speaking before an audience is to communicate, then surely every effort should be made to eliminate muffling, interference and echoes.

Second, impose quality control on homilies and homilists.

I once complained to a young priest that I hated listening to homilies because they tended to be too long, pointless and senseless. His advice: Turn off. So I do.

But isn't that sad? Shouldn't the homily be the highlight of the Mass, a retelling of the Word in today's terms?

I have heard some wonderful homilies, homilies that touch, move and inspire. I have heard others that were simple, down-to-earth, no more than three minutes, but nonetheless meaningful.

For the most part, though, the Sunday homily to me is an exercise in endurance. Just how long can you listen to a pseudo-scientist explain the evils of contraception when he doesn't even know the difference between a diaphragm and an intra-uterine device? How many times can you suffer a linguist who insists on saying his peace first in English, then in Filipino? I wanted to raise my hand and say, "I understood you the first time, thank you very much." How much drama can you take from the thespian who talks about his mother's death by spiraling. "She did not attend my grade school graduation, she did not attend my high school graduation, she did not attend my college graduation..." To me, this is the real reason why the Mass is a sacrifice.

There has to be some standards set for homilists, some form of quality control. Someone should periodically review the length, composition and content of homilies to ascertain whether the Word of God is in fact being preached the way it should be. A Church official should look at churchgoers to ascertain if they are paying attention or if they are sleeping, talking, texting, whatever. If the priest's words are not reaching the intended audience, then what is the point of having a homily at all?

Third, establish a formal mechanism for feedback.

Perhaps it's just me being an ignoramus, but I've never known the Church to have a formal mechanism for feedback. The Church has no complaint center, no customer service. I don't remember ever seeing a suggestion box in a church. Why is that? Why is communication between Church and flock, for the most part, one-way?

I think everyone can do with a little constructive criticism. To use a business perspective, any industry, no matter how good, needs to know how it can better cater to its customers' needs. This not only cultivates customer loyalty, it also increases market share. A formal feedback mechanism would increase the interaction bandwidth between Church and flock. Maybe then Father Villote won't have to stretch his imagination too far to get into the skin of the poor.

Those are my suggested reparations. Not exactly Vatican III. No, I'm not asking for much and, yes, I admit that I don't even begin to scratch the surface of Father Villote's meaning. I did this intentionally because I am trying to set goals that are concrete, precise and measurable. The problem with all this talk about contribution and reparation is that it is far too abstract. There is no deliverable—and, hence, no defined—commitment.

To paraphrase a slogan chanted against a certain former president, there can be no forgiveness without penance. This is the penance I would like to exact. Perhaps my demands are petty and shallow, but then that should make them easy to meet. If the Church is unable to fulfill these in all their pettiness, what makes it think that it will be able to meet its grandiose ambitions of fostering greater community with the poor? And if it fails to atone, how can it find forgiveness?

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WHATEVER HAPPENED TO...?

Cavite land deal

THE NATIONAL Bureau of Investigation, in a report dated Jan. 14, 2000, asked the Office of the Ombudsman to prosecute former Mayor Federico Poblete of Kawit, Cavite, along with several town officials in connection with an alleged anomalous land deal. The deal involved the sale of a portion of land on Bacoor Bay to FJI Property Developers Inc. which, according to the town council, belonged to Kawit. Poblete headed the committee which sold the property for P123 million.

According to the NBI, the property was foreshore land, which is defined as part of a seashore between the high-water and low-water marks. Commonwealth Act No. 141 states that foreshore lands "should be disposed of to private parties by lease only and not otherwise."

On April 5, 2000, Poblete, former Vice Mayor Rodrigo Caimol, Mayor Bienvenido Pobre, former councilors Juanito Galang, Rosario Nolasco, Ricardo Flores, Salvador Olaes, Leo Padilla and Hernan Jamir, and Barangay Council president Pedro Paterno were accused by the Ombudsman of violating the Anti-Graft and Corrupt Practices Act. The case was filed with the Sandiganbayan and assigned to the Second Division.

Warrants for their arrest were issued on April 13. The accused filed motions for reconsideration and reinvestigation, which were denied by the Sandiganbayan on April 28. The court declared that it could not order a reinvestigation of the cases since it had no jurisdiction over the accused who hadn't posted bonds or surrendered. But on May 2, Executive Judge Lucenito Tagle of the Regional Trial Court in Imus, Cavite, issued an order noting the surrender and payment of bail of all the accused, except Jamir who was believed to have flown to the United States.

On May 10, the accused again filed a motion for reinvestigation with the graft court. This was again denied on Oct. 17 for lack of merit. The accused asked for reconsideration on Nov. 21.

Nolasco pleaded not guilty when arraigned on Sept. 19, 2000. On the same day, the court granted her motion to leave the country to attend a wedding in the United States, where she was standing as one of the principal sponsors. The rest of the accused have not been arraigned.

Case status: The arraignment of the other accused is scheduled this month. Their motion for reconsideration of the court's Oct. 17 order remains unresolved.

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TALK OF THE TOWN

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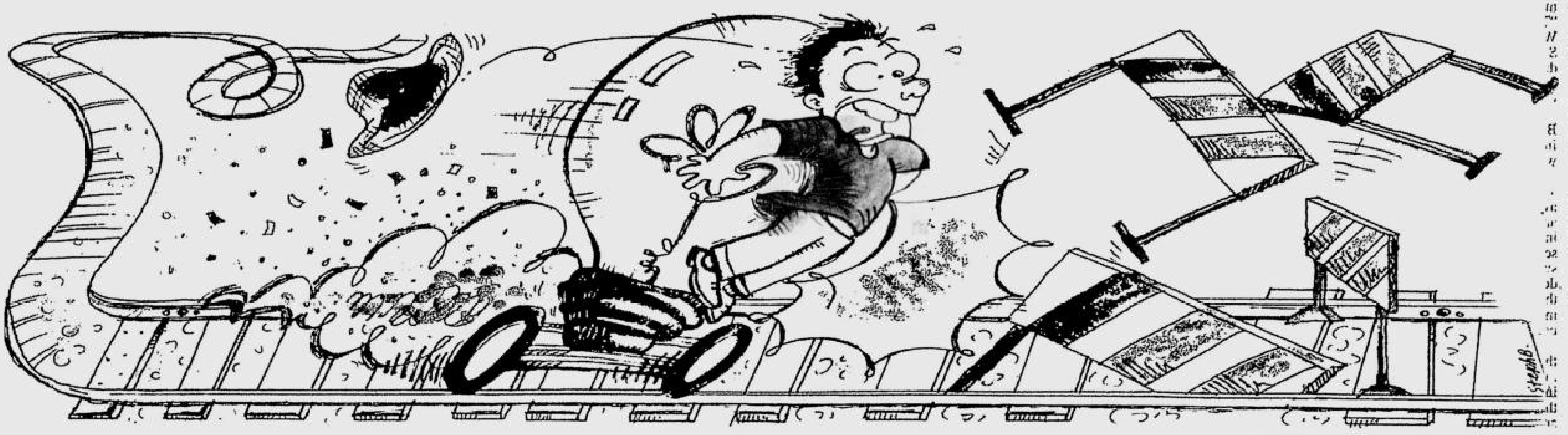
Was the power reform bill railroaded?

POLITICS makes strange bedfellows, but power bill politics upped the strangeness quotient considerably. In attacking the omnibus power reform measure, former senator and martial law administrator Juan Ponce Enrile made common cause with former martial law victim Rep. Etta Rosales. Cousins John Osmeña and Sergio Osmeña III, two martial law exiles on opposite sides of the Estrada impeachment trial, defended it. The list of personalities involved is as long as it is familiar.

It's an issue complicated enough on the substantive points. Procedurally, however, it is much simpler. Is the new law a genuine legislative triumph for the President? Or is it a travesty of the law-making process?



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The Speaker's popcorn politics

BY REP. ETTA P. ROSALES
Akbayan

ON THE afternoon of Wednesday, May 30, the 20-member House panel of the bicameral committee on the power bill was called to the Speaker's office. The meeting was set at 2 p.m. and we were advised that we had to finish our version of the power bill in preparation for the bicameral committee meeting with the Senate.

There were 15 of us who met, feeling jovial over the ubiquitous bowl of hot popcorn that was the trademark of the Speaker's hospitality during meetings.

Party list APEC's representative, Melvyn Eballe, presided over the meeting. I asked the chair why there were three versions of the power bill that came out in print—April 26, May 24 and May 29—when there were no bicameral committee meetings that took place since the Ledac meeting early in February.

I was told that a select group of bicam members were occasionally invited by Senator John Osmeña, then chair of the powerful Senate Committee on Energy. It was through their meetings that the three different versions were subsequently printed.

There were those of us who strongly opposed cross-ownership and stranded cost recovery provisions that benefitted giant distribution utilities owned by powerful Filipino families. We were never invited to this series of meetings called by Senator Osmeña. When we complained about this, we were told there was no reason to complain, since the three versions incorporated civil society provisions favorable to party list representatives like myself. If this were so, I argued, why was I left out of these meetings?

When I asked Eballe why he did not complain against the arrogance of his counterpart in the upper chamber, the soft-spoken party list representative looked at me helplessly and said he was merely invited as observer to the meetings. "But as chair, you were legitimizing those meetings that deliberately left out your members in the House, who were far more critical of provisions that benefited owners of giant distribution utilities and generation power plants," I loudly complained.

The meeting progressed through the afternoon, when heated debates took place. My opposition group was a motley crew of six who decided to oppose the bill unless the contentious provisions on cross-ownership and stranded recovery costs, among others, were deleted.

When the debate heated up, some of the bill's proponents would politely leave the room. But with deadlock facing each contentious provision, they would return to provide the winning votes. Thus did we lose each battle we fought against the majority. It was six against nine, five against 10, and finally two against 13 on the final vote of adopting or rejecting the power bill. The two were Tet Garcia and myself.

As I witnessed the mechanical process of how votes were taken each time a question was raised, I realized why the Speaker made it a point to serve us limitless popcorn on the table. Popcorn has a way of diverting attention from the heat of argument. It is an excuse to keep one busy and those who refrained from arguing were kept busy with the Speaker's popcorn.

Solid bloc

There was one contentious provision, however, that saw all 15 of us bravely unite as one solid bloc for its deletion. This was the controversial Section 28, which was inserted by Osmeña with the dubious title of "De-monopolization and Shareholding Dispersal." It pretentiously claimed to democratize ownership of distribution utilities by calling for the public listing of utilities with shares limited to 25-percent ownership. What this provision in effect did was to make small distribution utility owners vulnerable to absorption by bigger holders through public listing in the stock exchange. Intense lobby work in the House by these small and medium distribution utility owners convinced our lot that it was best to delete Section 28.

There was a consensus that I was to move for this deletion during the Bicameral Committee meeting since this would certainly unnerve the Senate committee chair. I saw nothing wrong with my important task.

By Thursday morning, we were told to get ready for the meeting at 11 a.m. By 11:30, when there was no call, I called up our House chair, Melvyn Eballe, who claimed innocence about any bicameral meeting being organized. By 12, I called senior House member Butch Abad, who advised me to wait since the meeting would take place that day.

By 4 p.m., we started our last day of the special session with deliberations over the supplemental budget. Obviously there was no discussion yet over the power bill since its approved bicam version would still have to be processed before deliberation in the plenary session.

By 6 p.m., reporters started calling us up from the Senate. The bicameral committee was holding a press conference announcing the approval of the power bill by the committee. I made a parliamentary inquiry over the matter and the Speaker immediately suspended the session and called for an emergency meeting of the House panel. There were several members of the panel in the session hall, including Garcia, Nib Baterina, Abad, Nur Jaafar and myself.

We were told to wait for the others who were coming back from the Senate. There were six of them. Three of them—my motley group of oppositionists, Butch Pichay, Jing Paras and Ed Veloso—came from the Palace and later joined the other three led by Noli Fuentebella, Jules Ledesma and Eballe.

Upon arrival of all six, the story unfolded. Senator John Osmeña had threatened to block the bill's passage if the House Panel continued to delete Section 28, his pet provision. The three oppositionists were then called to Malacañang to placate the angry senator. Should the senator not yield, then perhaps the three members of the House would find it in the goodness of their hearts to withdraw our motion to delete Section 28, which motion would result in the outright killing of the bill?

Senate bully

I protested because Osmeña was pushing us around and bullying the entire lower chamber. Garcia suggested that we call the Senate panel to the House and hold a bicameral committee meeting that night. By then, Noli Fuentebella had admitted that what took place in the Senate was indeed an informal caucus. Or, another version—it was a Senate committee meeting with members of the House as observers.

In this regard, the Senate version had been voted on and the House members cradled this version in their arms and presented this to us for either adoption or rejection.

When I further protested that the House position in deleting Section 28 was a collective act and could not be arbitrarily withdrawn by some members for the sake of one individual from the Senate, my loud voice of protest fell on deaf ears. I was advised that there was nothing irregular with what we were doing—we were going to transform ourselves into a House committee and vote on whether or not to accept the version. I refused and so did Tet Garcia.

It was only upon the resumption of the regular session on Monday, June 4, that I delivered my privilege speech objecting strongly to the farce of the entire process in passing the bill. I spelled out aberrations in the processes as provided by both the Constitution and the House rules on procedure.

Public calamity?

First aberration: Not giving House members ample time to study the bill before voting on it. Section 26, (2) Article VI states that "no bill passed by either House shall become a law unless...printed copies thereof in its final form have been distributed to its Members three days before its passage, except when the President certifies to the necessity of its immediate enactment to meet a public calamity or emergency..." The same provision is reiterated in Section 85 of the House Rules.

It was obvious that there was no major calamity or emergency. The bill had hibernated in the Bicameral Committee for one year since April 2000, when the House passed it on second reading.

Second aberration: Coming out with a bicam report without a bicam meeting to approve the report. Section 88 on conference committees of House Rule XIV provides that "in the event that the House does not agree with the Senate on the amendment to any bill or joint resolution, the differences may be settled by conference committees of both chambers."

And should the bicameral committee fail to settle such differences that "they materially impair the House Bill, the panel shall report such fact to the House for the latter's appropriate action." The House panel should have reported Senator Osmeña's tantrums to the session hall for appropriate action.

Third aberration: There were arguments that only regular sessions could extend through *sine die*. Special sessions had to end in accordance with schedule. Our special session was scheduled to end by midnight of May 31. The clock was stopped at 11:48 in the evening. This was objected to strongly by members of the House who suggested that we continue upon resumption of regular sessions on June 4. The House leadership refused and for this reason, the bill was finally passed into law—at about 4 a.m. on June 1.

Taken from a privilege speech extemporaneously delivered on June 5, 2001.

> A bicameral committee report without a bicameral meeting. An imperious senator used to getting his way. A rollover Congress accepting observer status in a Senate meeting. The signs don't look good

Blatant violations of parliamentary procedure

BY MAITET D. PASCUAL AND RHODA U. VIAJAR
Freedom from Debt Coalition

WHEN the special Congress session was convened in the last week of May, the bill was still in the bicameral conference committee level. Members were supposed to consolidate the bill's final version, and then submit the final version of the bill for the approval of each chamber. But irregular processes dominated the bill's ratification.

First, the real negotiations between the Executive and the Legislative branches over the final version of the bill took place *outside* the bicameral conference committee. During the week prior to the special session in May, no official bicam meeting took place. Instead, "informal caucuses" were held between energy secretary Jose Camacho and selected senators and congressmen. Among this motley crew were the Osmeña cousins, speaker wannabe Butch Abad, former energy chair Noli Fuentebella (under whose leadership the payola bill was passed in the Lower House) and his cohort Jules Ledesma. The real discussions took place at these caucuses where most of the other bicam members were deliberately excluded.

Second, a report of the bicameral conference committee was issued, and signed by most members, even though the committee never met to finalize the report. Congressmen may defend this as standard practice, which only goes to show the non-transparent and undemocratic way a law is manufactured in Congress. Obviously, the welfare of the people is the last thing considered when such processes become standard practice.

At least two members of the bicam, Akbayan Representative Loretta Ann Rosales and Senator Juan Ponce Enrile, were caught by surprise upon learning that a bicam report had already been approved and was about to be passed in both chambers. These two most vocal oppositors along with other legislators were clearly eased out of the "informal caucuses" among the bill's proponents and supporters. They had not received any notice about the bicam meeting where the report was supposedly approved. Rep. Rosales says that in the formal bicam meetings she had attended in the past, the committee report was not even discussed.

Third, Speaker Sonny Belmonte called a meeting of the House panel that sits in the bicam on May 30. At that meeting, the panel formed a consensus around Senator John Osmeña's Section 28, which is basically nothing but a class suit against the Osmeñas' political rivals in Cebu, the Garcia family, who holds a controlling share in Visayan Electric Co. The Lower House wanted Section 28 deleted and agreed on a strategy to discuss this with the Senate panel, particularly Sen. John Osmeña, at the next bicam meeting.

But there never was a next bicam meeting. And Senator John O refused to have Section 28 removed, threatening to block the bill's passage if the House insisted on deleting it. The Executive relented, as did the Lower House. The Lower House in effect voted against itself, in deference to John O.

Fourth, the special session was to end officially at the stroke of midnight of May 31. Instead, the House stopped the clock a few minutes before midnight and forced the bill's ratification in the wee hours of June 1, 2001. Some members of the Lower House such as Rep. Macarambon from Lanao del Sur questioned the stopping of the clock, to no avail.

The Senate did not even bother to have floor deliberations. Each senator was simply asked to vote on the final bill. Obviously a head count had been undertaken and it was seen that a majority would pass the bill. In the end, only one senator, Enrile, voted against it.

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Talking points

FIRST, a word about what did *not* make it to print. We invited a senior member of Congress to defend the passage of the power bill, a legislative feat that some analysts have praised as a welcome demonstration of political will by the Macapagal administration. He did not make the deadline. We trust the reader will not fall into the trap, which logicians call the **fallacy of emphasis,** mistaking presentation (in this case, two arguments for railroading against none) for persuasion.

The contributions that did make it were shortened too, drastically in the case of Ms Pascual and Ms Viajar's article. The paper had a section on the payola scandal that rocked the House of Representatives in last year's deliberations on the power bill, and another section on President Macapagal's flip-flopping on the issue of power reform. To focus on the process by which the bill was passed in record fashion, these sections were dropped.

Rep. Rosales' piece was reduced too, including some context-setting paragraphs.

Both articles offer an instructive example in the difference between what we can call **efficient** and **effective rhetoric.**

The Freedom from Debt Coalition piece reads very well, and makes more points in less space, but on closer inspection we can see that this is the result of at least two shortcuts to reasoning:

- **The old label by libel dodge.** The proponents of the bill are described, rather wittily, in unflattering terms: Butch Abad is "speaker wannabe," Jules Ledesma is Noli Fuentebella's "cohort," and so on. Well, one man's cohort may be another man's staunch ally.
- **The factual fudge.** The stopping of the clock is an old legislative tradition, called *sine die*. The mere stopping is not by itself anomalous. Perhaps for lack of time, the article does not raise the crucial difference between a regular and a special session.

Rosales' piece is more a narrative than an argument. It builds up slowly, even working in the reference to Speaker's Belmonte's use of popcorn politics. It is a canny method, because it establishes credibility by being specific, and lays the groundwork for a potent figure of speech when Rosales finally wises up to the nature of the May 30 meeting.

It takes its time, hence it is less efficient, but in the end, the article's accumulation of detail is effective in making the case that, indeed, the omnibus power reform bill rode the legislative express–*J. Nery*

THE DAILY GOSPEL

Sunday, June 17, 2001
Body and Blood of Christ

1st Reading: **Gen 14:18-20**

Then Melchizedek, king of Salem, brought bread and wine; he was a priest of God Most High, and he blessed Abram saying, "Blessed be Abram by God Most High, maker of heaven and earth! And blessed be God Most High who has delivered your enemies into your hands!"

And Abram gave him a tenth part of everything.

2nd Reading: **1 Cor 11:23-26**

This is the tradition of the Lord that I received and that in my turn I have handed on to you: the Lord Jesus, on the night that he was delivered up, took bread and, after giving thanks, broke it, saying, "This is my body which is broken for you; do this in memory of me." In the same manner, taking the cup after the supper, he said, "This cup is the new Covenant in my blood. Whenever you drink it, do it in memory of me." So, then, whenever you eat of this bread and drink from this cup, you are proclaiming the death of the Lord until he comes.

Gospel: **Lk 9:11-17**

When the crowd caught up with Jesus in Bethsaids, he welcomed them and began speaking about the kingdom of God, curing those who needed healing.

The day was drawing to a close and the Twelve drew near to tell him, "Send the crowd away and let them go into the villages and farms around, to find lodging and food, for we are here in a lonely place." But Jesus replied, "You yourselves give them something to eat." They answered, "We have only five loaves and two fish; do you want us to go and buy food enough for all this crowd?" For there were about five thousand men. Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Make people sit down in groups of fifties."

So they made all of them settle down. Jesus then took the five loaves and two fish, and raising his eyes to heaven, pronounced a blessing over them; he broke them and gave them to the disciples to distribute to the crowd. They ate and everyone had enough; and when they gathered up what was left, twelve baskets were filled with broken pieces.

Commentary:

Today's gospel reading points at the intimate relatedness of celebrating the Eucharist and sharing of food, even when there is an obvious shortage of it. Food has a double function. It not only sustains the body, but it is also a gift to be shared. Sharing food is a celebration of life. The person who masters the art of sharing food, and that which it stands for, grows as a person in all aspects. It is an act of faith. The one who shares food brings into practice what the celebration of the Eucharist teaches. Jesus himself as a good master went to the extent of giving his own body and blood to teach us the real dimensions of sharing.

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of life and for everything that sustains it. Give us the faith that makes us share these gifts joyfully with others.

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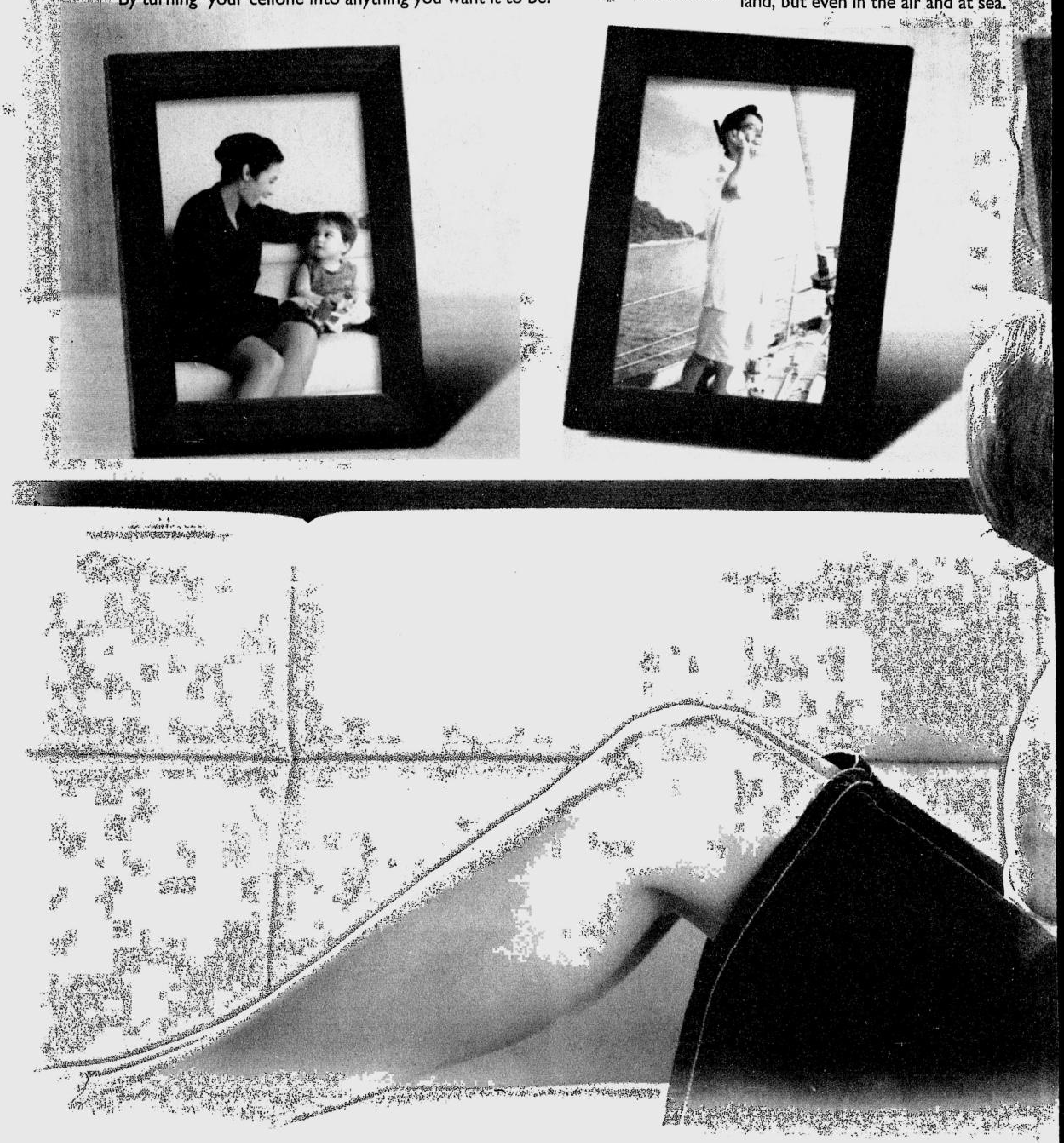

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More violence feared at riot-marred EU meet

Protester shot by police 'may not survive'

GOTHENBURG, Sweden—Swedish police were bracing Saturday for more riots and clashes on the final day of a violence-scarred two-day EU summit, after officers shot at least three protesters during running battles in the streets of Gothenburg.

One wounded protestor was in "critical condition" after undergoing overnight emergency surgery at the Gothenburg's Sahlgrenska hospital for chest wounds.

"There is a young man who may not survive," Doctor Per Ortenwall of the local health service said.

He said the other two had suffered superficial wounds, including a Frenchman shot in the leg.

Swedish Justice Minister Thomas Bodstroem earlier told a press conference that 500 to 600 people had been detained amid the anti-EU, anti-US and anti-globalization protests, and 50 to 60 arrested and charged by public prosecutors.

He blamed "troublemakers" from outside Sweden for stirring up mischief in the midst of several thousand other people who had come to Gothenburg to peacefully demonstrate for various causes.

"There have been a couple of hundred people who have disturbed the whole day," he said.

"They came from other countries with the sole purpose of disrupting this (EU) meeting. From which countries, I don't know," he said.

Earlier hordes of youthful demonstrators—some carrying red anarchist flags—joined battle with riot police on the Kungsportsavenyn, a stylish boulevard less than a kilometer from the summit venue.

Bonfires fueled by heaps of pillaged wicker cafe chairs burned, as protesters—many wearing black face masks—were seen shattering shop windows all along the street littered with debris.

A McDonald's restaurant was targeted for stoning. So too was a streetcorner bank, its façade spray-painted with a communist hammer-and-sickle. One masked man was seen looting a bouquet of white flowers.

Officials at Sahlgrenska Hospital said that three people had been admitted with gunshot wounds—with one of them hit in the chest and fighting for his life on an operating table.

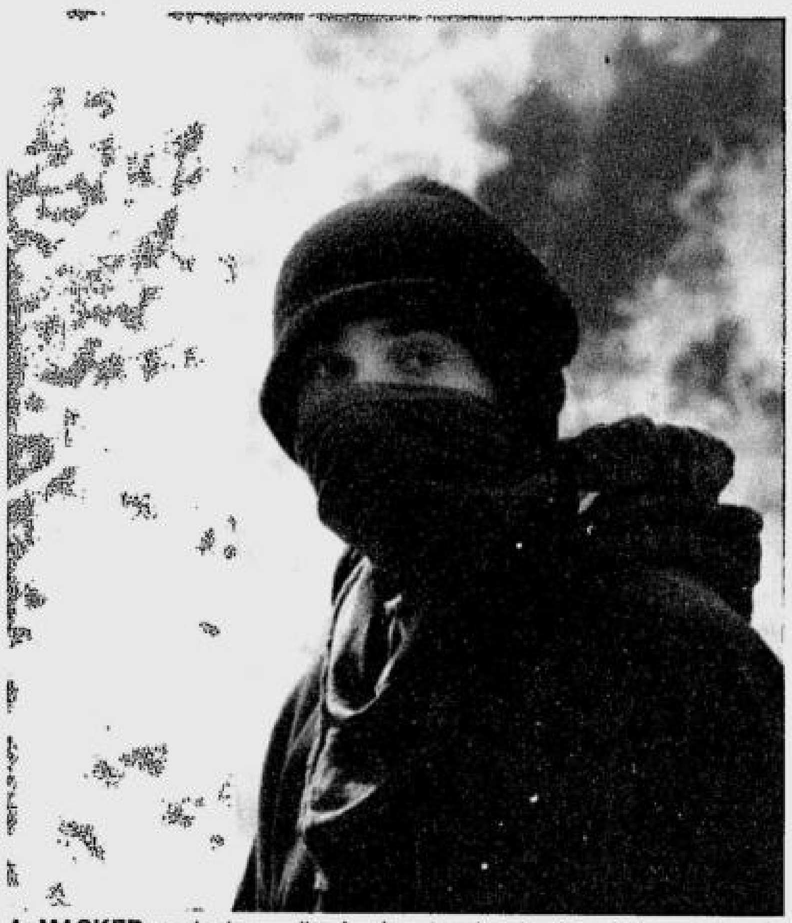
Local media reported that one of the injured was a Frenchman.

Organizers claimed that 16,000 demonstrators were out on the streets late Friday, against 1,500 police officers plus reinforcements rushed in from all parts of the country.

Overshadowed by the violence were the summit's main themes, including the pace of EU enlargement into eastern Europe and the Mediterranean after Ireland's referendum rejection last week of the Nice treaty on EU reforms.

The summit's final conclusions yesterday were expected to reaffirm the 15-nation EU's commitment to add new member states—but without the kind of firm timetable which 12 candidate countries had been hoping to see.

So serious was Friday's violence that the Belgian, Dutch, Finnish and Luxembourg delegations were all told to move out of their hotel—the same one in which US President George W. Bush stayed on Thursday. *AFP*



A MASKED protester walks by burning barricades during rioting in Gothenburg June 15. Hundreds of anti-capitalism protesters took to the streets to protest while the heads of the European Union states held their summit meeting.

REUTERS

Marriage was motive for Nepal massacre, says official report

KATMANDU—Crown Prince Dipendra argued with his mother over his plans to marry his girlfriend Devyani Rana on the night of the royal massacre, the full official report into Nepal's royal massacre revealed yesterday.

Since Dipendra gunned down King Birendra and eight other members of the royal family on June 1, there has been speculation that a row over his marriage plans triggered the bloodbath.

His parents were said to object to Rana, who has a Nepali father and an Indian mother.

Prince Paras, son of the new King Gyanendra, brother of Birendra, said marriage was the motive for the massacre.

"As far as I am concerned, the motive was the marriage," Paras told the commission. "This must be the main cause."

He added that the night of the shootings, Dipendra had told him the marriage issue had again been raised.

"I had talked about the marriage with Muma (Queen Aishwarya) and Afumuma (the Queen Mother) but both said no. I'll talk with Buba (King Birendra) on Sunday during an audience. I will talk about the issue." Paras quoted Dipendra as saying.

This conversation took place between 7:40 p.m. and 8 p.m. Dipendra had been drinking neat shots of whisky, but appeared to have still been acting normally.

"He seemed to be drunk but was in a very good mood," Paras, who is widely disliked in Nepal, told the commission.

When asked how Dipendra died, Paras said: "I heard that my brother (Dipendra) shot himself at the bridge (in the palace)."

Dipendra and Rana had been dating for seven to nine years, according to Dipendra's aide-de-camp, Raju Kumar Karki, who was on leave on the night of the shooting.

He said that Dipendra used to bring Rana to the palace. "The first time was probably two years ago," he told the commission, adding that Rana could have known that Dipendra used to smoke hashish. *AFP*

WORLDBRIEFS

Bush offers new partnership to Russia

WARSAW, Poland—US President George W. Bush is offering Russia a new partnership with America and, in his first meeting with President Vladimir Putin, is challenging the former Cold War foe to complete its transition from communism—"fully reformed, fully democratic." Aides to Bush said they expected no breakthrough agreement Saturday on the issue that most sharply divides Washington and Moscow—the president's plan to "set aside" the 29-year-old ban on national missile defenses and erect a shield against missile attacks. Russia asserts that Bush's approach would ignite a new arms race, although it has expressed a willingness to explore the question of what, if any, changes should be made to current arms-control regimes. *AP*

Annan to meet with Arafat, Sharon

JERUSALEM—UN Secretary General Kofi Annan headed for talks yesterday with Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat and Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, as diplomatic moves to rekindle peace talks were hampered by continued violence. A meeting Friday of Israeli and Palestinian security officials to review a brittle two-day-old US-brokered ceasefire broke up in disagreement, with each side criticizing the other, Israeli public radio reported. The report said the Israelis demanded that the Palestinians arrest militants of the radical Hamas and Islamic Jihad movements, accusing them of preparing anti-Israeli attacks. The Palestinians rejected the demand, and accused the Israelis of violating the ceasefire coaxed out of them Wednesday by US mediator and CIA chief George Tenet, the radio said. The fragile ceasefire, which saw 25 Palestinians injured Friday in clashes with the Israeli Army, got an endorsement overnight from the central committee of Arafat's Fatah faction. In a statement issued after an overnight meeting, the committee urged the "grassroots and executives of the movement, and the Palestinian authority, to consolidate the ceasefire . . . and prevent acts that could strike a blow at the higher interests of the Palestinians." *AFP*

UN stops food distribution in Kabul

KABUL—The United Nations closed down most of its subsidized food distribution operations in the Afghan capital yesterday, but said doors remain open for talks with the hardline Taliban to resolve differences over hiring women for a key poverty survey. Saturday was the first time in five years that the World Food Program has not distributed subsidized bread among the needy residents of Kabul. At least 282,000 people eligible to receive subsidized bread were affected. Many people in the war-ravaged city depend on international aid organizations for survival. Hungry children, women clad in faded all-enveloping burqas, and men in baggy Afghan trousers and knee-length shirts assembled as usual in front of 120 WFP-sponsored bakeries on Saturday but were told there was no bread. "What will I tell my children who wait for nan (Afghan bread) at home?" said Laila, a 35-year-old widow and mother of seven. She cried outside a bakery in Taimany, a poor neighborhood in central Kabul. *AP*

Black freed after 22 years in jail

MIAMI—A Miami judge ordered the immediate release Friday of a mentally disabled black man who had served 22 years of a life sentence for six murders and a rape, after officials dropped all charges against him. Calling his case "an enormous tragedy," Judge Scott Silverman ordered the release of Jerry Frank Townsend, 49, just 24 hours after the district attorney of Miami-Dade County dropped charges against him in the murder of two women and the rape of a third in the late 1970s. Townsend had already been cleared in May of four other murders in Broward County. In two of those cases, DNA testing established his innocence, while in two others it was found that police had induced his videotaped confession. *AFP*

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Alvarez suspends ECC for Agno cement project

BY YOLANDA FUERTES
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AGNO, Pangasinan—Environment Secretary Heherson Alvarez suspended the extended environmental compliance certificate (ECC) issued to a controversial cement and quarry project here.

The suspension takes effect pending a review of the ECC extension order issued by the secretary's predecessor, Joemari Gerochi.

Alvarez met with residents here and in Bani town on Thursday at the Department of Environment and Natural Resources in Quezon City and relayed the news to them.

He said he would order a review of the decision of then Environment Secretary Joemari Gerochi to extend the ECC for another two years after it expired March 29.

"This will give you an opportunity to explain (your allegations) and if there is a strong basis for me to cancel the (ECC's) extension, then I will do that," the residents quoted Alvarez as telling them.

However, they said Alvarez did not specify who would conduct the review and when it would start.

The ECC issued to the Taiwan-based Goldsun Cement Corp. in 1999 expired on March 29 after its proponents failed to start the project.

But Gerochi, who replaced Antonio Cerilles as environment secretary in January, extended the ECC for two years "so it (Goldsun) can secure the needed clearances."

Members of the Agno Concerned Citizens for Ecologically Secure and Sustainable Development (Access) asked for the cancellation of the mineral production sharing agreement (MPSA) issued by the DENR to GML Corp., Goldsun's local partner, and for the return of the certificates of stewardship contracts to them.

"We know that Alvarez will listen to us," Lydia Colobong, Access vice president, said, noting that Alvarez was the only environment secretary who faced them in their almost four-year fight against the cement plant.

Alvarez told the Agno and Bani residents that if there were "really serious allegations (against the proposed plant) or a probable cause for the impairment of the environment, (the ECC should) not have gotten an extension."

While there is a need for industries to give jobs to people, he said the government must look into the welfare of the residents "who may not like (the industries)."

"Your petition is for me to overturn the decision made by my predecessor. I have overturned many of his decisions but I always take into account (the other side). To be fair and square, we must hear the other side (and a) review will be the basis of my decision," he said.

Alvarez, whose appointment has yet to be confirmed by the Commission on Appointments, asked residents of the affected areas to "assist me so I would have a strong basis to overturn (Gerochi's) decision."

Bani Mayor Gabriel Navarro told the secretary that Goldsun "misrepresented" the environmental impact study it submitted because it did not include Bani as an impact area of the project.

"When the National Mapping and Resource Information Agency plotted the GML's application for MPSA, it turned out that a part of the area is in Bani. We were never consulted about the project," Navarro said.

WEATHER FORECAST

FORECAST: Bicol Region will have widespread rains while the rest of the Eastern Section of Luzon, the whole of Visayas and Mindanao will be cloudy with scattered rainshowers and thunderstorms The rest of Luzon will be partly cloudy to at times cloudy with isolated rainshowers or thunderstorms

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C. Luzon coastal villages sinking

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO—Coastal villages in five towns in Bataan, Bulacan and Pampanga sank at a fast rate of 30 millimeters last year, initial findings of a team of Filipino geologists studying the "slow motion catastrophe of subsidence" in Central Luzon showed.

The sinking was noted in Pantalan Luma in Orani, Bataan, where the ground dipped by 11 centimeters last year, according to Dr. Kelvin Rodolfo, a marine geologist who works with a team from the University of the Philippines' National Institute of Geological Sciences doing research on local subsidence.

It was also discovered in Lubao, Sasmuan and Minalin towns in Pampanga, and Hagonoy and Calumpit in Bulacan, Rodolfo said in a forum tackling the hazards after Mt. Pinatubo's June 1991 eruptions.

The forum, dubbed "A Decade of People's Initiatives Amidst a Continuing Mt. Pinatubo Disaster," was organized by the Central Luzon Center for Emergency Aid and Rehabilitation (Concern), a non-government organization helping the NIGS team in the research.

A comparison of the levels of the well sites and high tide, as well as the height of floodwaters, over the years were initially used to measure the subsidence, Rodolfo told some 100 forum participants, mostly leaders in communities around Pinatubo.

The subsidence was not exceptional in Central Luzon, he said, adding that it had been observed in Indonesia, as well as in Metro Manila, Davao, Cebu and Jolo in the 1960s.

The team, led by NIGS Associate Professor Fernando Siringan, is seeking to establish the major causes of the subsidence in Central Luzon.

This will help residents and policy planners adjust their plans in agriculture and public and private infrastructures with the rate of subsidence, according to Rodolfo.

The Department of Agriculture is funding the project through a P1.5 million grant per year over three years.

The Indiana University is lending its satellite global positioning system facility to the team.

Siringan's group is determining which of the factors were contributing heavily to ground sinking: global sea level rise, global warming, tectonic movements, volcanic activities, the accumulation of sediments in the Pampanga delta which straddles Bataan, Bulacan and Pampanga or the heavy extraction of water.

Stressing that local knowledge was necessary and relevant to the research, Rodolfo asked the participants to help residents detect subsidence.

Among the indications are the worsening floods, saline quality of water from deep well pumps, natural rise in the level of the road and decrease in harvest output because of saline irrigation sources.

"*Mahalaga ang kaalaman ng taumbayan* (The wisdom of local folk is important)," Rodolfo said. ***Tonette Orejas, PDI Central Luzon Desk***

No Kalinga villagers came for special polls

BY FRANK CIMATU
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BAGUIO CITY—Suppose you called for special elections and nobody came?

The Commission on Elections, in a resolution on June 13, ordered the proclamation of Kalinga's leading vice gubernatorial candidate and the remaining two winning members of the provincial board even if no one among the Basao tribe in Tinglayan town voted during the special elections on May 30.

Comelec Chair Alfredo Benipayo and the other commissioners also resolved to affirm the proclamation of the elective officials of Tinglayan "unless otherwise timely contested as a pre-proclamation controversy or a disqualification case against any of the newly-elected officials."

Joseph Delson (NUCD/KAMPI) was leading John Dongui-is (LDP) for vice governor by less than 250 votes.

An election officer here said Dongui-is is from Tinglayan and would most surely get the nod of about 400 Basao voters.

"The deliberate refusal of the registered voters to cast their votes is a clear waiver of the exercise of the right of suffrage and hence not sanctioned by Section 6 of the Omnibus Election Code," the resolution states.

Section 6 justifies the declaration of the failure of elections.

On the morning of May 30, members of the Board of Election Inspectors in Basao were met by tribal elders, headed by barangay chair Leonardo Bun-as, who told them that they can forget about conducting the elections.

The elders said they met the day before and decided to oppose the holding of the elections because this will interfere with their *bodong* or peace pact.

The village's Precincts 4A and 5A2, therefore, remained empty for the rest of the day.

Carmel Genove, regional Comelec election officer 1, said the two precincts have about 400 voters.

A manifesto signed by Bun-as, his councilors, nine *pangats* or peace pact holders and seven youth representatives said all the candidates for vice governor and provincial board members came to Basao and brought with them about P1.2 million in cash allegedly to buy votes.

They said the candidates also brought high-powered firearms.

"Our consensual decision to stop the special elections is solely based on maintaining good relationship among the people and the existing peace and order in our barangay and not in anyway understood as an opposition to the order of Comelec," the manifesto said.

Insp. Leonardo Bawalan, Tinglayan police director, in his report to Comelec, also said "lawless elements" planned to disrupt the Basao elections.

Comelec officials in Tinglayan have confirmed massive vote buying in the area.

Thomas Uyam, Kalinga election supervisor, already affirmed the victory of Macario Duguiang as governor and reelectionist Rep. Laurence Wacnang as representative of the province's lone congressional district.

The Comelec had earlier scheduled special elections in 12 precincts in Tinglayan and Pasil towns.

During the May 14 elections, several armed men forcibly took the election returns for Basao in Tinglayan proper and destroyed them. The ballot boxes were sent to the provincial police headquarters in Bulanao, Tabuk.

Basao elders said that if the original ballots would be counted, they should be sent to Basao and counted there.

The Comelec, however, decided not to do the counting of the original ballots. It said that since 85 percent of the votes in the province were already accounted, this would be enough basis for the proclamation of the vice governor and municipal board members.

Quarrel behind blast, cops say

ILIGAN CITY—Police are pursuing the personal grudge angle as the motive for the grenade attack on the Pala-o Supermarket here Friday night.

Supt. Rogelio Nuneza, city police chief, said a fragmentation grenade was thrown from a vehicle in front of the New Elle Commercial on Aguinaldo Street in Barangay Pala-o here around 7 p.m.

The blast killed two workers and wounded 29 commuters, pedestrians and sidewalk vendors who were packing up for the night.

Three other stores beside the New Elle Commercial were damaged.

Nuneza said witnesses saw a Tamaraw FX van circling around the area before the bombing incident.

Based on a police report in February, Nuneza said the owner of New Elle Commercial had allegedly quarreled with cargo truck helpers.

The owner was also reported to have manhandled a worker and failed to pay his wages, he said.

But the store owner's daughter, who requested anonymity, said her family could not think of anybody harboring a grudge against them.

Store workers, Rene Bantilan, 19, of Tubod, Lanao del Norte and Gerry Alido, 21, of Pagadian City, died two hours after the bombing.

The incident happened on the eve of the city's 50th Adlaw sa Iligan or Charter Day celebration. It, however, did not dampen the celebration at the city plaza. ***Christine Godinez-Ortega, PDI Mindanao Bureau***

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Celso Saluta, Napocor officer-in-charge in Palawan, confirmed the report Thursday, saying the residents had thought Napocor personnel were just installing the transmission lines.

In Barangay Iraray, Sofronio Española town, cables supposed to be installed in the transmission lines were also stolen.

The lines in Aborlan, Narra and Quezon towns were fully installed last year, but construction was stopped in Sofronio Española and Brooke's Point due to lack of funds, according to Saluta.

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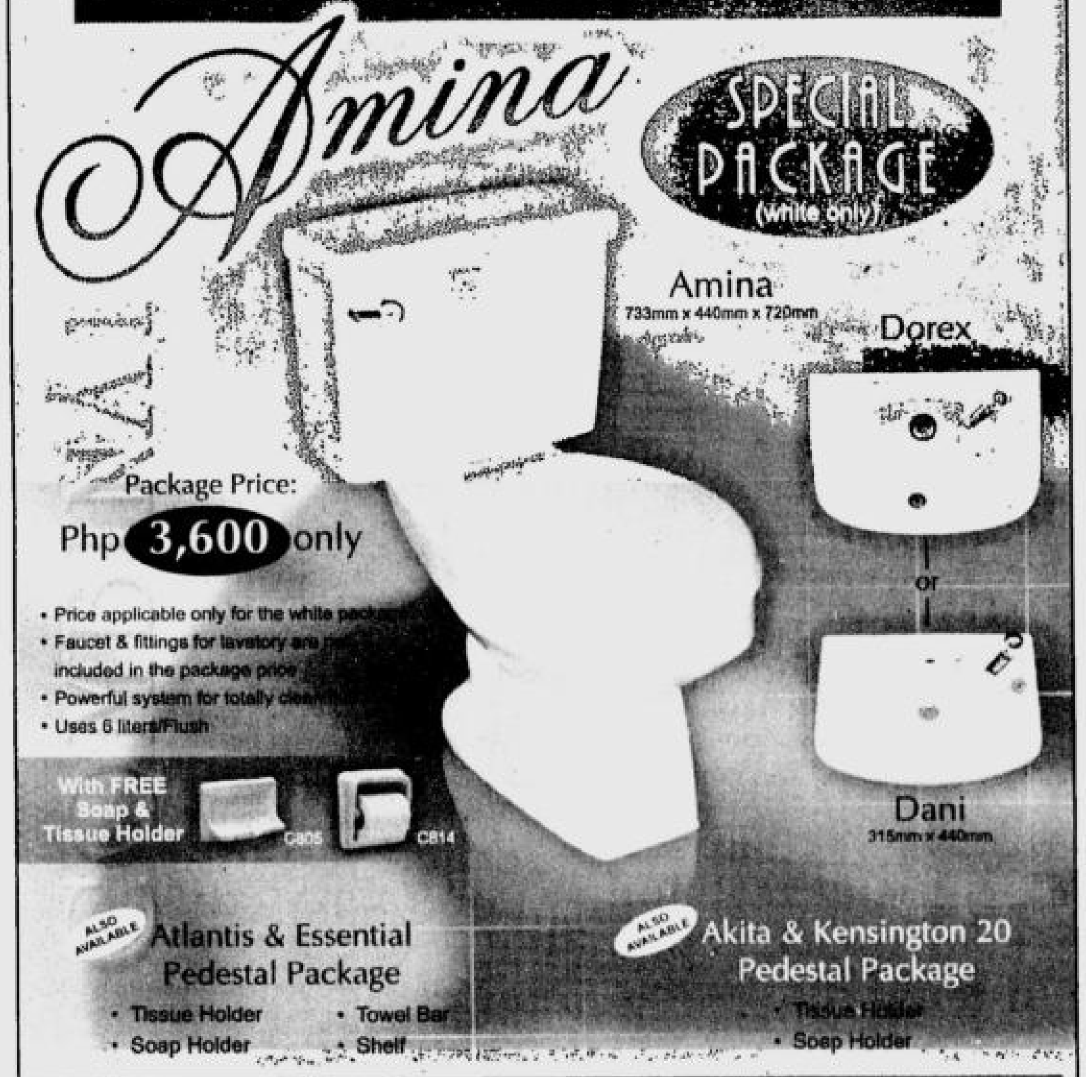

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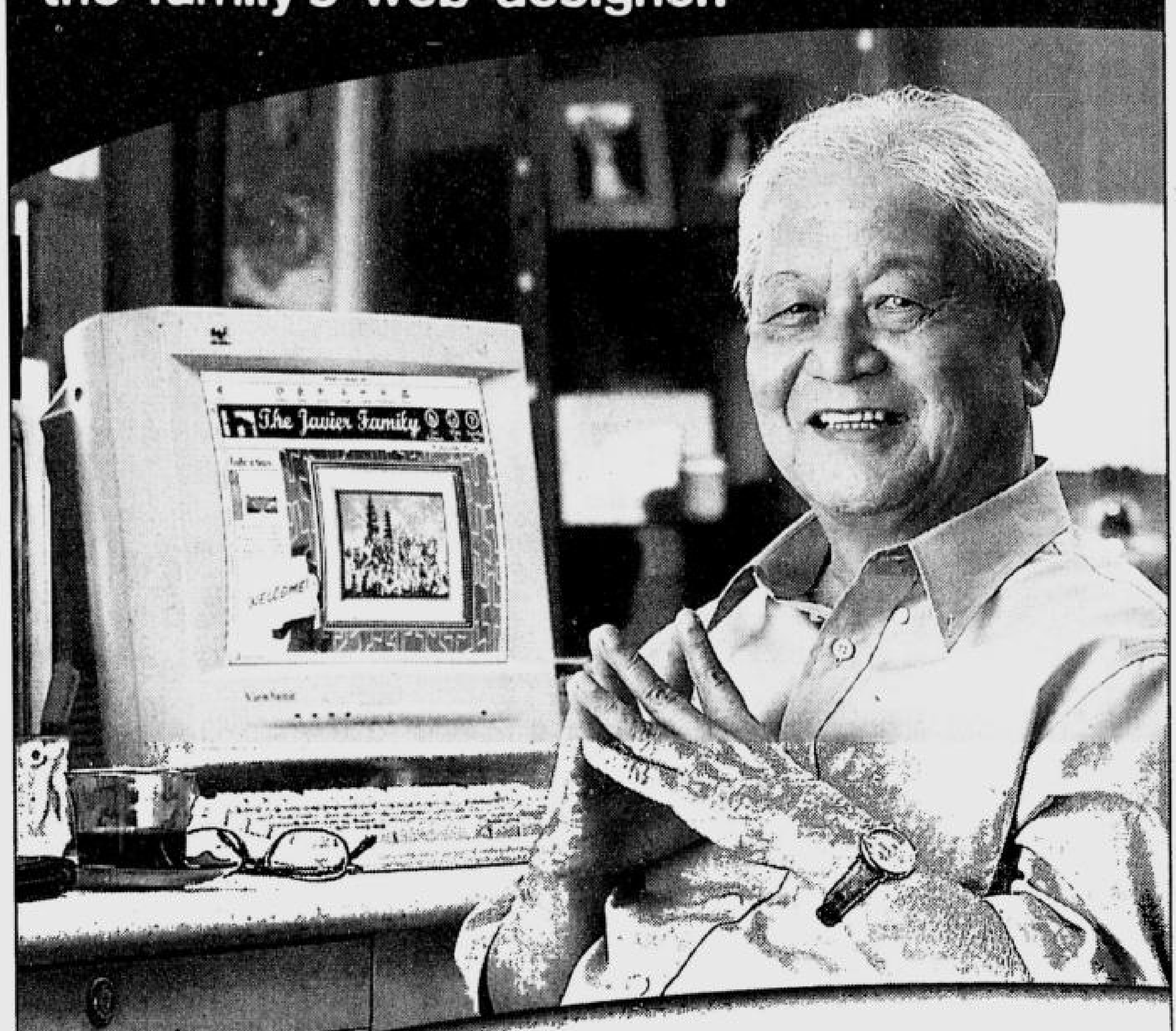

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Losing congressional bet in Leyte proclaimed winner

By Vicente S. Labro, Joey Gabieta and Jani Arnaiz
PDI Visayas Bureau

TACLOBAN CITY—In a strange twist of events, the Leyte board of canvassers proclaimed the losing congressional candidate in Leyte's fourth district as the winner in the race.

Reelectionist Rep. Victoria Larrazabal Locsin (Nationalist People's Coalition) was trailing lone rival, outgoing Ormoc City Mayor Eufrocino Codilla Sr. (Lakas-PPC), by over 17,000 votes, but she ended up the winner.

Locsin was declared winner at 11:30 a.m. Friday at the SMED Center here by provincial election officer Federico Carolino. The event was described as "highly secretive" by residents in the district.

Some people found it strange that the proclamation was done without the knowledge of local journalists. It was not until late Friday that radio and print media outlets learned that Locsin was proclaimed winner.

Carolino could not be found after the proclamation. A radio station manager from Ormoc found it difficult to get a copy of the Commission on Elections resolution that led to the proclamation.

The Comelec provincial office would not show the document without Carolino's consent.

Adolfo Ibañez, regional poll officer, confirmed in a radio interview late Friday that Locsin was proclaimed winner based on a resolution handed down by the Comelec's second division on the same day.

The ruling, dated June 14, said Codilla was deemed "disqualified" for "indirect solicitation of votes" during the campaign period and that the votes he garnered were considered "stray and invalid."

A copy of the ruling, obtained by the INQUIRER from a staff at the Comelec regional office, was signed by Commissioner Ralph Lantion, division chair, and Commissioners Mehol Sadain and Florentino Tuason Jr.

The ruling was based on a petition for disqualification filed by a Josephine de la Cruz, of Barangay Riverside, Kananga, in April. The complainant accused Codilla of using government vehicles in hauling and distributing extracted sand and gravel to gain votes in the towns of Matag-ob and Kananga during the campaign period. A Miguel Pandas, said to be a resident of Kananga, also claimed a sand and gravel distributor, using a vehicle with a government-issued plate number, told them to vote for Codilla because the construction materials were donated by the Ormoc mayor.

Locsin's proclamation shocked family members and supporters of Codilla who learned of it only from journalists who were seeking their reaction late Friday.

Locsin could not be reached for comment. He reportedly flew to Manila yesterday with his lawyers to question the ruling before the Comelec *en banc*.

Guimaras mayor sacked

By N. Burgos Jr.
PDI Visayas Bureau

ILOILO CITY—A town mayor in Guimaras, who is set to step down from office at the end of the month, was ordered dismissed by the Office of the Ombudsman in the Visayas for dishonesty.

In a five-page decision dated Dec. 6, 2000 and approved by Ombudsman Aniano Desierto on May 4, the anti-graft body also stripped Mayor Ernesto L. Gedalanga of Sibunag town of all benefits, including retirement pay. Gedalanga (LDP), who has spent 38 years in government service, lost to Pedrito Gange (Lakas) in the May 14 elections.

The case stemmed from a complaint filed in 1998 by Sibunag officials led by Vice Mayor Luben G. Vilches who accused the mayor of irregularities in the appointment of three town personnel.

The complaint said Gedalanga appointed Romelyn V. Moreno, Rico Umagap, and Danilo Gabasa as accountant, agricultural technologist and draftsman, without the approval of the Personnel Selection Board (PSB) composed of Gedalanga as chair and the councilors as members.

Gedalanga had certified that the appointments passed the PSB. Councilor Glicerio Edang, a board member, however, said no meeting was held to approve the appointments.

The mayor countered that the PSB approval applied only on "new employment or promotions", and not for the three personnel who were merely reappointed.

But the Ombudsman said Gedalanga was guilty of claiming that the appointments passed the PSB, even "granting for the sake of argument that the PSB recommendation is only required for new employment or promotions."

In a separate decision on a criminal complaint related to the case, the Ombudsman exonerated Gedalanga of charges of falsification of public document.

Lawyer Rey Quiñon, Gedalanga's counsel, on Friday filed a motion for reconsideration before the Office of the Ombudsman. He said it was "surprising" that his client was found liable in the administrative case but absolved in the criminal case.

Holdup gang busted

GUMACA, Quezon—A notorious holdup syndicate victimizing salesmen in the Bondoc Peninsula and Lamon Bay areas was busted Thursday with the arrest of its leaders.

Chief Insp. Eduardo Somera, Gumaca police chief, said one of the syndicate members tipped off police in nearby Lopez town about their plan to rob a delivery van of Fortune Tobacco Corp. of its cash collections from Bondoc.

Members of the Gumaca and Lopez police offices and the 416th provincial police mobile group immediately set up an entrapment operation.

Arrested were a certain Ramil Bacobe, 26, and one Danilo Calvelo, 28, both residents here.

Police said Bacobe had long been wanted for a double murder case before the Gumaca regional trial court, while Calvelo was an escapee from the National Penitentiary in Muntinlupa. ***Delfin T. Mallari Jr., PDI Southern Luzon Bureau***

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INQUIRER Mindanao
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Dead in an hour at the Davao port

BY SYLVIA VALDIVIA MARFORI
Davao City

IN the past 12 years, it was the third time that the Apostleship of the Sea (AOS) center at the Davao port had to deal with a dead seafarer. But for Fr. Jack Walsh, MM, chaplain of the AOS, one dead seafarer is one too many.

The MV Hagdan, a cargo ship with a full crew of Pakistani seafarers, arrived at the Davao port on May 26.

"That evening, at about 6 p.m., the first crewmember came into our center. He was a really loveable guy. He asked if we had any strong coffee," Walsh said.

"Never at a loss for words, Rosie, our co-worker, said she could make it as strong as he liked. Verifying his welcome, we assured him that we are a Catholic Stella Maris Center with centers all around the world and welcome seafarers of all religions."

His name was Usdman Abdullah, a Muslim.

"We talked for quite a while. He changed some money, enjoyed a few very cold bottles of beer and went back to his ship," Walsh recalled.

Night visitor

"He came in each night, from Sunday to Wednesday, brought us photos of his three wives—a Pakistani, a Bangladeshi and a Filipina in Iligan City. He brought letters he had received from all of them, one dating back to 1985, even receipts showing he was sending equal shares of his salary to each of his wives."

Abdullah called the AOS staff members by their first names. He called Walsh "Father."

He left the center at 11 p.m. Wednesday. Within an hour, Abduallah was dead.

He had gone with some buddies to a bar down the road to Davao's "Golden Kilometer" where 15 or so small bars, disco joints and eateries clutter the main entrance road to the port.

Abdullah and some crewmates had a few drinks and left. According to his buddies, he went back to the bar at about midnight because he felt he had not been charged for some cigarettes he had purchased. He paid the money he felt he owed to the surprised cashier and left to catch up with his buddies who were waiting for him aboard the ship.

> 'Landing in the canal was not enough. He was stabbed in the chest with an ice pick'

As he was about to push open the door, three dock workers were walking in. They pushed the door so hard that it hit Abduallah in the face and forehead.

After he and the men exchanged a few words, the mauling started. The three ganged up on Abduallah and threw him into a drainage canal along the highway.

"Landing in the canal would have been punishment enough as it is, being a community cesspool made putrid by the illegally discharged residue of chemicals from a nearby soap factory," Walsh said.

It was not enough, Walsh said. "One of the three men jumped on top of him, stabbed him in the chest with an ice pick, and ran."

Dead on arrival

Abdullah was dead on arrival at the government-run Davao Medical Center.

The man who stabbed Abdullah was arrested, but Walsh was shocked to discover that the killer had been arrested less than a month ago for stabbing someone else. The priest now wonders why he had been out of jail and walking in the streets at night.

On June 1, the city prosecutor's office charged the killer with murder, but as expected, there was no one to testify for Abdullah and no one was willing to be a witness to the killing.

Days later, members of the city's Muslim community visited the ship to offer condolences. Arrangements were made for Abdullah's body and personal effects to be shipped home to Pakistan.

Walsh said there was not much they can do, besides offering prayers. He plans to keep in touch with the prosecutor's office to make sure the trial is pursued to the end.

"How sad that a good man leaves Pakistan to go to sea with the hope of making a better living for his family, only to die in a dirty open drainage canal in a sleazy section of Davao City, ironically the most livable city in the Philippines," Walsh lamented.

Drop-in center supports women in workplaces

BY GRACE CANTAL-ALBASIN
Cagayan de Oro City

WORKING women worry more about the children they leave at home than the kind of work that awaits them in their offices.

But everyone is aware of the more compelling need to supplement their husbands' meager pay by taking on jobs in public or private establishments.

The need forces mothers to entrust their children to nannies or relatives, but frequent phone calls to home or a sneak every now and then to see how the children are doing prove that even during office hours, they cannot stop worrying.

In Cagayan de Oro City, one office has already started to address this concern.

For more than a year now, the Home Mortgage Development Fund or Pag-Ibig in Northern Mindanao has been operating a drop-in center for its members—the first of its kind in the country.

The project, initiated in December 1999, has become quite successful that other government offices are now studying the possibility of replicating it.

Ophelia de la Cerna, Pag-Ibig regional director, said the project aimed to reduce incidents of tardiness and absences among women employees.

"Usually, our women employees are absent because they do not have nannies or house helpers to look after the kids. If they decided to bring the kids in the office, you would see kids running around which could distract clients and even their working parents," De la Cerna said.

Gender dev't fund

She said the money used to start the drop-in project came from the five-percent gender development fund allocated for every government agency.

Other offices make use of the budget for seminars on gender development.

The drop-in center has a floor area of 50 square meters. It has a double-deck bed, a playhouse, tables and chairs.

De la Cerna said a bigger center was being planned, but that will come after the Pag-Ibig finds a place to erect its own building.

"If the building comes, we are planning to allocate a much bigger place for the drop-in center and even a separate playroom for the kids," she said.

Most of the children at the center are toddlers, prompting those behind the project to hire the services of a teacher.

"They are already in a drop-in center. (So we thought), 'Why don't we go all the way by teaching these kids the basics in life and in education,' just like what day care centers do," De la Cerna said.

Sometimes, parents bring their older children to the center after school hours where they are made to wait until after office hours.

There, the teacher hired by Pag-Ibig can also help them with their homework.

Breast-feeding women can also bring in their babies.

Aware that sustaining the operation of the center is of utmost importance, the parents are more than willing to part with a meager P25 per month.

For Ann Rose Josue, an employee, the drop-in center is a big help. "Those who do not have nannies are assured that their kids are safe," she said.

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Truth about blast first told in Sierra Madre

(From page A1)

plains why the Liberal Party Senate slate, which included my name, won the November 1971 elections by a landslide. Six Liberal Party candidates won. The winning Nacionalista Party candidates occupied the last two slots. . . .

I realize that many persons, especially the relatives of those who were killed and the many wounded and maimed who survived and are still living today, want to know the truth. . . .

I can only speak of my own perception of the truth, without any desire for revenge.

During martial rule, I openly criticized the imposition of martial law and handled the cases of many political detainees, including Ninoy Aquino and a number of obscure victims of human rights abuses.

In October 1980, after a rash of mysterious bombings in Metro Manila, I was arrested and detained in the same prison cell where Ninoy had spent seven years and seven months of his memorable life.

Due to pressure from friends in the Philippines and abroad, Marcos ordered my release before the end of November. . . The next year, on the advice of my doctors, Lydia and I decided to live in temporary exile in the United States, where I joined the struggle against the Marcos dictatorship.

The visit of Ariel Almendral

After the assassination of Ninoy Aquino at the Manila International Airport on Aug. 21, 1983—exactly 12 years after the Plaza Miranda bombing—a young man, Mr. Ariel Almendral, came to see me in our little place in Encino, California.

After introducing himself as someone who knew my son Steve, his classmate in elementary school, he explained to me how he became a member of the *Kabataang Makabayan*, and, later, of the Communist Party. After the bombing of the LP rally in Plaza Miranda, which he blamed on Marcos, he decided to go to the Sierra Madre in Isabela and join the armed struggle of the New People's Army there.

It was also there where he said he found the truth, which was why he wanted to see me.

Almendral said that while with the NPA in Isabela, he witnessed the trial of Danny Cordero, who spoke of his role and that of Jose Ma. Sison in the Plaza Miranda bombing. Both roles were then part of a well-kept secret.

Cordero's boast

This was the sequence of events, as Amendral narrated them. In 1971, after the bombing, Cordero and his two accomplices left for Isabela and were assigned, along with others, to military training under Victor Corpus, the Philippine Military Academy cadet who had defected to the NPA (and who is now chief of the Intelligence Service of the Armed Forces).

Several months later but before martial law, NPA forces in Northern Luzon, under the jurisdiction of Ruben Guevara, a member of the Central Committee and political officer in charge of Northern Luzon, were ordered to assemble in the Sierra Madre foothills to prepare for the arrival of an arms shipment from China. This came to be known as the *Karagatan* operation, after the boat that would bring the arms.

Cordero was left behind in charge of a small band of NPA rebels to continue the group's political work in southern Isabela. In line with usual Party practice, Cordero was not told about the *Karagatan* operation; he thought that the order to assemble elsewhere was an overreaction to the military offensives of the Marcos government.

He berated the Isabela Party officials for running away from the enemy and bragged that he had the confidence of the highest Party leaders, citing his role as the one who was entrusted by Jose Ma. Sison to carry out the Plaza Miranda bombing.

Apparently, word reached Guevara as to what Danny Cordero had been allegedly saying. Guevara called a conference with Cordero, in the presence of other Party members, including Ariel Almendral.

Trial, execution

During the Party conference, a heated discussion between Cordero and Guevara ensued. The latter thereupon announced that he was convening a military tribunal. Charges against Cordero were filed, including the charge of rebellion, which was later changed to "inciting to rebellion," and the charge of "undermining the Party."

Guevara was the head of the military tribunal.

Toward the end of the hearing, Cordero revealed that it was he who had been assigned by Sison to carry out the Plaza Miranda bombing. By a divided vote, which was done by secret balloting on or around July 2, 1972, Cordero was sentenced to death by the tribunal headed by Guevara.

The next morning, Cordero was shot in the forest of Isabela.

What Sison said

Seventeen years later, in his testimony before a joint hearing of the Senate Blue Ribbon Committee and the Committee on Justice and Human Rights, Guevara said he was in Manila just before the bombing.

He said that on the afternoon of the Plaza Miranda bombing, in the rented apartment of spouses Magtanggol Roque and Mila Aguilar in BF Homes in Parañaque, he saw Joma Sison with three young men, whom he later met in Isabela and recognized as Danny Cordero and his two companions—Ka Daniel and Cecilio Apostol.

After the three left, Guevara consulted Sison about the request of a local politician in Isabela to dispose of his political enemy in exchange for a reward.

According to Guevara, Sison said, "No, we are not mercenaries. We shall bomb a meeting tonight not because there is any compensation but because we want our own plan to prevail."

Afterwards, a Politburo member called Ka Erning told Guevara that those who had been assigned to execute the plan would be assigned to Isabela; but he (Guevara) should not allow the secret to be divulged under any circumstances. Anyone who did so would be "punished most severely."

So when Danny Cordero faced the military tribunal, Guevara knew that he was telling the truth—and what it would cost him.

Troubled

Since Cordero's execution, Ariel Almendral had been evidently troubled about what he had heard from the lips of the self-confessed bomber, which was privately corroborated by one of his two accomplices. The carnage of Plaza Miranda and the responsibility of the Party leadership for the heartless slaughter weighed heavily on Almendral's conscience.

In July 1973, he was captured by government forces in Penablanca, Cagayan, and was imprisoned for three years, until he was released in September 1976.

I told Ariel, who said his father was a Liberal Party leader in Laguna, that I deeply appreciated his disclosure of the facts. But I remained skeptical. I had heard many conflicting accounts and versions of the planning and execution of the Plaza Miranda bombing since I left my sick room at the Medical Center Manila (MCM) in October 1971. In my mind, I needed more evidence than the uncorroborated disclosure of Ariel Almendral.

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Salonga: Sison brains of Plaza Miranda bombing

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would be weakened, the moderates would react by joining the Left, thereby solving the manpower problem" of the NPA, which only had an estimated 90 fighters in Isabela at the time but was expecting a large firearms shipment from China.

Salonga is now just a few days shy of turning 81. His book gives a lucid and detailed account of an excruciating experience that nearly cost him his life.

Daily reminder

Thirty years after the bombing, Salonga's frail body reminds him every day of that harrowing night. The blast left him permanently blind in his left eye and deaf in one ear.

In place of the pointer finger of his left hand is a stump with a fingernail.

The ring finger and pinkie of his right hand are permanently bent. Deep scars line his right arm.

Doctors failed to remove all the grenade shrapnel inside his body, and the minute pieces that are left still cause him great discomfort in cold weather.

Salonga said he was almost given up for dead by his doctors and that his recovery is still being heralded by the medical community as a miracle of sorts up to this day.

Until this day, he continues to receive fellow survivors and the relatives of victims at his home. He decided to come out with the book after three decades because "every now and then the survivors of Plaza Miranda come to the house and ask me what happened."

"Should I come out with the truth? At my age, I should not even worry about it. I should not be anxious to tell the truth," he said.

"As far as I'm concerned, I have forgiven all these people who have something to do (with the bombing). But (the truth) matters to these people who lost their relatives," he told the INQUIRER.

Uncomfortable

After regaining his health, Salonga recalled, he was asked many times who had masterminded the bombing.

"Everyone felt that it was Marcos. I felt that I could not accuse anyone at that time. I had no evidence. I was teaching the subject of evidence (in law school) and I felt I had no right to talk about anyone without any kind of evidence in my possession," he said.

"I was one of the few who refused to talk about it," he added.

Even during the interview, Salonga seemed uncomfortable focusing on the Plaza Miranda bombing and wanted to talk about his memoirs as a whole.

Salonga said he had heard many versions of who was behind the Plaza Miranda bombing, and did not at first believe the accounts pinning responsibility on Sison.

He has clearly changed his mind since then.

3 stories

Two chapters in "A Journey" are devoted to the bombing. Chapter 11 provides a detailed account of Salonga's medical operations.

Chapter 12 carries the stories of Ariel Almendral, a former NPA member who witnessed the revolutionary trial of Cordero; military cadet-turned NPA member-turned military officer Victor Corpus, now chief of military intelligence; and an unnamed source who purportedly admitted to being Cordero's driver on the night of the attack.

All corroborate the same allegation: that it was "Sison, with the knowledge of a few trusted members of the (Communist Party of the Philippines) Central Committee, who masterminded the Plaza Miranda bombing and entrusted its implementation to Danny Cordero and his two accomplices."

The author also quotes heavily from "The Red Revolution," a 1989 book by Washington Post correspondent Gregg Jones.

Message to Imelda

Salonga, a former chair of the Presidential Commission on Good Government, wrote the two chapters as early as 1998, shortly before the presidential election.

However, he was advised to defer their publication by friends who feared that the Marcoses might exploit his disclosure for their own ends.

Salonga said that in one human rights forum "about a year ago," former first lady Imelda Marcos "asked a few people to confront" him and ask why he was blaming her late husband for the tragedy.

"I said, Marcos had many sins, but the Plaza Miranda bombing wasn't one of them. 'Tell Mrs. Marcos not to worry, the Marcoses have committed enough sins against the country; I don't need to add to the list.' And they left," he said in Filipino, visibly amused.

From September to November 1989, while Salonga was Senate President, the blue ribbon and justice committees held a series of public hearings on the bombing, but the inquiry was aborted by a coup attempt against then President Corazon Aquino.

His problem with Reds

In the interview, Salonga noted with irony that after his recovery, he had worked for the release of political detainees, including brothers of former CPP secretary general Jose Luneta, who he said knew of Sison's alleged plot.

"My problem with Sison's group and communists in general, for that matter, is that they do not have a feeling of responsibility to a Superior Being. They do not hold themselves accountable to a transcendental being," Salonga told the INQUIRER.

"They are accountable only to themselves and their party. They deny the existence of a Superior Being. They consider themselves God. They play the role of God in history. They have no sense of accountability. They have usurped the place of God in their lives," he said.

A caring father to kids in dumps

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a friend clatter up the stairs and, still catching their breath, kiss his hand. Then they run off to school.

Within seconds an older boy arrives to tell Beltran of his frustrated attempt to get into an engineering course in a Manila college. Just then, the baby in Beltran's arms begins to wail.

They call him Father Ben, and he built his mission from scratch, gathering children from the dump and fighting to keep them in school for the past 23 years.

Since he arrived at the community in 1978, when Smokey Mountain was still home to the poorest of the poor, he has been shepherd of a flock of garbage collectors living on what was once the world's largest mountain of trash.

The 55-year-old Beltran has put up a number of programs for the education and livelihood of the Smokey Mountain people, persevering in his projects despite the resistance posed by some "recalcitrant" adults and threats from garbage syndicates.

"I was alone since the start. The others did not last long here because they got sick. The stench and poor sanitation were just too much to bear," Beltran tells the INQUIRER during a visit Friday to the Sandiwaan Learning Center.

The priest is not sickly, but he has acquired the rudimentary toughness to survive in trash land. Still his eyes mirror the kindness he preaches to the stubborn community, especially to the children.

He says he encourages the children to serve in the church or join the Anak ng Inang Daigdig cultural group, which travels around the world to promote concern for the environment and to show how they have risen beyond the stench of poverty.

Scholarships

Beltran has made arrangements with various organizations to provide these children scholarships until they graduate from at least high school. In the community, he says, only 7 percent complete the secondary level.

This year, his efforts allowed 200 children to enter formal schools. A total of 500 are enrolled in kindergarten at the Sandiwaan Center. Another 500 out-of-school youths (OSYs) will soon receive non-formal education also at the center, courtesy of university teachers.

The private firms and the government pay for the children's tuition and other fees. Beltran dips into his own collection to shoulder the rest—including uniforms, shoes and project requirements.

"I don't have money yet for the OSY project, which will start in August, but I know the Lord will provide," Beltran says, adding that he will make the rounds again to get people interested in extending help.

Under the OSY project, the children will undergo an hour-long session a week, with special modules on different subjects, while being trained in computer literacy.

The arrangement will allow them to find work on other days to help their families eke out a living.

More than 1,000 youths have graduated under this project since 1992, and all of them are employed. A number have families now and still live on Smokey Mountain—but with a marked improvement in their lives, says Beltran, who occasionally visits his "children."

Two generations

Things were not as good in the past, for both Beltran and his community.

When he was a newly arrived from Italy, where he had "a crisis of conscience," he was on the verge of turning back to seek an easier place.

Apart from the unbearable stench, there was the stubbornness of the residents.

"There was a chip on their shoulder. They were angry at the world. All they wanted was to drink and be merry," he says.

It took two generations before the residents of Smokey Mountain began to accept help from outside and organize themselves to improve their lives.

The Department of Social Welfare and Development trained the women so they could be hired as day care workers at the Sandiwaan Center. Others took up the government's lending programs to set up small stores and buy-and-sell businesses in Divisoria.

"Things are getting better here. We have taken away the shame of living on Smokey Mountain," Beltran says, adding:

"But now the garbage is coming back, and the people are lured to return to their life of picking trash. They're happy that there's garbage again, but the place is getting very dirty, like it was years ago."

The Smokey Mountain dump was opened initially as a transfer station in January. But because of Metro Manila's garbage problem, the Manila government has been taking the city's 1,500 tons of trash daily to the dump.

At least five children living in the buildings near the dump have died of various diseases, Beltran says. Their mothers reported that the chemicals sprayed on the dump turned the infants blue before they died.

There were no police reports of the deaths, and no autopsy was conducted on the bodies.

'Father'

"Until now, I am always scared," Beltran admits. "Sometimes, I want to go back to the United States, just to enjoy, because I can do that, just teach."

"But then," he says, "you think of the people whose kids are dying, and you don't lift a finger. What kind of a priest will you be? They call you 'father,' but you're not a real father if you allow children to die when you can do something."

And so Smokey Mountain's father has stayed, watching the children go off to school every morning with their backpacks and their dreams.

Beltran says he will continue to fight for their future.

"I am not a messiah who can save them. They will save themselves," he says. "We just have to see what they need, and we'll take it from there."

EUGENIA DURAN-APOSTOL, PDI and Pinoy Times founding chair, is presented with a copy of the book, "Memory and Truth Telling and the Pursuit of Justice Conference" by Karen B. Cardenas, director of Ateneo ORP. The "Never-Again.net Website was also launched on Saturday. ERNIE SARMIENTO

Joma: Jovy driven by obsession

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Sison also said the Senate blue ribbon and justice committees conducted an inquiry into the bombing from 1988 to 1990 when Salonga was the Senate President.

"*Walang kuwenta* (Nonsense)," Sison said of the testimony of witnesses during the hearings of the two committees headed then by Sen. Wigberto Tañada.

Sison pointed out that the two committees "made no conclusion inimical to me."

In his book, however, Salonga said Tañada terminated the inquiry due to more pressing concerns, like the coup attempt against then President Corazon Aquino and the debate on the extension of the RP-US Military Bases Agreement.

Even so, Sison said Salonga had aired the same charges against him in the past.

"He came out before (with the same allegation) and it fell flat on his face. He's a lawyer and it's a shame that after presenting his case and the blue ribbon committee did not make any conclusion, the military and the human rights commission shoved the case to the Manila city prosecutor," Sison said.

"They (Salonga and his allies) want to destroy me politically," he added.

Sison said "not even Marcos could invent a case against me regarding the Plaza Miranda bombing."

"I was a political prisoner and the full powers of the Marcos dictatorship were used against me . . . All pressures were arrayed against me but nothing came out of it," he said.

Sison, who was captured in Pangasinan on Nov. 10, 1977, languished in military prison for 11 years. He was released on March 5, 1986, two weeks after the Edsa People Power Revolution toppled Marcos and swept Aquino to the presidency.

Aquino was then trying to woo the communist rebel leadership to the negotiating table. The talks later collapsed.

Sison fled to the Dutch city of Utrecht where he has lived in exile ever since. He has been seeking political asylum in the Netherlands.

NDF leader Luis Jalandoni, who was with Sison in Oslo, said the charges against the CPP founding chair were "baseless."

"The city prosecutor already came out with a decision that there was no evidence so it (the case) was dismissed," Jalandoni told the INQUIRER.

He said Romeo Capulong, who served as Sison's lawyer, had presented a good defense.

Jalandoni said Salonga's claim would have no negative effect on the NDF's ongoing peace talks with the government.

A few days after the interview, however, the government panel pulled out of the talks in protest over the killing of Cagayan Rep. Rodolfo Aguinaldo by communist assassins.

Bishops back wipeout of Abu Sayyaf to free hostages

THE COUNTRY'S influential Roman Catholic bishops on yesterday gave their blessing to wiping out the Abu Sayyaf holding American and Filipino hostages in Basilan, as long as they are killed in self defense.

The church leaders drew the line at summarily executing members of Abu Sayyaf, said Archbishop Orlando Quevedo, president of the Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines.

But troops had a right to defend themselves if attacked by the rebels during a hostage rescue attempt, he said.

In the predominantly Catholic Philippines, the Abu Sayyaf claims to be part of an oppressed religious minority fighting for its rights. It has a history of targeting priests and Christian missionaries, as well as raping and killing civilians.

Quevedo said the "all-out war" called by the government against the rebels would not intensify religious prejudices as Muslims had also condemned the gang's atrocities against innocent people.

"To pursue the Abu Sayyaf and go all out militarily in order to rescue their hostages, as well as to bring the bandits to justice is valid," said Quevedo.

"If the Abu Sayyaf fight back while in the process of being pursued and captured, the military would not be morally responsible for their deaths."

President Macapagal-Arroyo has vowed to exterminate the Abu Sayyaf who are holding three Americans and at least two dozen Filipino hostages in the jungles of Basilan. They claim to have executed one American, Guillermo Sobero.

But Quevedo, in a written reply to media questions, said: "The CBCP did not advocate a policy of exterminating them or killing them summarily without due process of law.

"Neither did the CBCP favor blanket air bombing and artillery bombardment without any concern for the safety of civilians or of the hostages."

Quevedo said the Catholic Church could only help "morally and religiously" in the hostage crisis, and could not become directly involved because church members were targets of kidnapping threats.

But he said he hoped Islamic religious leaders "would do their best in negotiating with the Abu Sayyaf for the unconditional release of the hostages."

Although the Abu Sayyaf describe themselves as freedom fighters for an independent Islamic state in the southern Philippines, they are dismissed by the military as a terrorist organization.

Since being formed in the early 1990s, their bloody trail includes the assassination of the Bishop of Jolo, Benjamin de Jesus, in 1996.

The body of Roman Catholic priest Roel Gallardo was found in Basilan last year bound hand and foot with his fingernails plucked out, and a gunshot wound to the head.

The guerrillas' foreign targets have included Charles Walton, a US language researcher for an organization, which translates the Bible into local dialects. He was held for 23 days in 1993.

The following year, three Spanish nuns and a Spanish priest were seized in separate incidents.

Among the current American hostages are long-time Philippine-based missionaries Martin and Gracia Burhnam. *AFP*

Officials doubt if Robot's sincere

ZAMBOANGA CITY—Top government officials of Sulu and Basilan doubt the sincerity of Abu Sayyaf leader Galib Andang alias Commander Robot on his reported plan to surrender.

Basilan Rep. Gerry Salapuddin, in a telephone interview yesterday, said although the reported plan to surrender is a "welcome development," Andang still has to prove his sincerity by encouraging more Abu Sayyaf members to join him.

"The government, too, will have to make good its promises (to Gandang and his followers), or else these people might return to their old ways," Salapuddin said.

"Whatever they (negotiators) have committed to the Abu Sayyaf, must be fulfilled from A-Z," he added.

Basilan Gov. Wahab Akbar also doubts the alleged plan to surrender.

"That's good. If it's true, I will even give them my position as governor, if they want it," Akbar told the INQUIRER. "I hope their sincerity is for real so this Abu Sayyaf problem will finally end."

Even former Sulu Vice Governor Munib Estino questioned Andang's reported plan to surrender.

"If it helps, why not? But what will happen to the murder cases filed against Robot?" Estino asked. "I don't think he's sincere about surrendering. I know him."

Estino said Andang has been wanted for various murder cases in Sulu since 1995.

"As far as I know he was a hired killer of some wealthy individuals here before," he said.

"*Kung mapapatawad siya ng mga kamag-anak ng kanyang pinatay, sana baka diretso na ang kanyang pagbabagong-buhay* (If the relatives of the people he killed will forgive him, maybe he can turn a new leaf. If not, the government still has to work on these legal charges)," Estino said.

Salapuddin said giving Andang immunity from charges would be a "big shame" for the Macapagal administration.

Andang's faction of the Abu Sayyaf was behind the abduction of 21 mostly foreigners from a dive resort in Sipadan, Malaysia, last year. ***Julie Alipala-Inot, PDI Mindanao Bureau***

AN URGENT APPEAL TO HER EXCELLENCY PRESIDENT GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO:

STOP THE KILLER IN OUR MIDST!

It is the most calculating killer in the world. It kills 4 million people every year worldwide. This year, 20,000 Filipinos will die because of it. We can buy it in every sari-sari store. It's being peddled on the streets. Our children are taught to buy, sell and eventually use it. We see it glorified in billboards, sports and musical events, even in movies. It goes by the name of yosi, cigarillo, tabako. Whatever the name, there is only one truth -- **Tobacco kills.**

In 1999, tobacco was the leading cause of 3,318 lung cancer cases in the Philippines. A total of 89,391 patients diagnosed with coronary artery diseases were exposed to it. And 61,863 cases of chronic obstructive pulmonary diseases were linked to tobacco smoke.

Tobacco is also bad economics. While the government earned P21.4B from the sale of tobacco, it spent P46.4B in healthcare for Filipinos suffering from tobacco-related diseases, losing precious billions that could've been used to help uplift many Filipino lives.

Second-hand smoke also kills. And our children are the hardest hit of all. We slowly kill our children every time we light a cigarette stick in their presence. Asthma, bronchial infections, respiratory ailments and Sudden Infant Death Syndrome or SIDS are only some of the effects of second-hand tobacco smoke on our children. More alarmingly, we are helping our children pick up the habit of smoking at an early age - as early as 7 years old *(Ramiro 1999)*.

According to the World Bank, nicotine fulfills the key criteria for addiction or dependence and this can be established quickly. In the Philippines, smoking prevalence among children in urban areas is about 30%, with majority of them starting at the age of 13 to 15 years old *(Dans et al, 1999)*. By the year 2005, the population for 10-24 years old is projected at over 24M ***(Phil. Statistical yearbook, 1999)***. About 7M of this population will almost certainly be regular smokers. This means over 3.5 million children will eventually die because of their smoking habit and its effects.

What are we doing to protect the lives and future of our children? What action are we taking to prevent them from getting hooked to this addicting substance called tobacco?

We, the undersigned, are appealing to President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo to protect the right of our children to breathe cigarette and tobacco smoke-free air. We urge the President to:

1. Give high priority to tobacco control and legislation initiatives that push for:
    a. A substantial increase in taxes and duties imposed on all cigarette and tobacco products;
    b. Declaring illegal the sale of cigarettes and tobacco related products to, and by minors;
    c. Total ban on advertising and promotion of cigarettes and tobacco products;
    d. Full and more prominent disclosure of the harmful effects of smoking on all cigarettes and tobacco packaging;
    e. Support to tobacco farmers for crop diversification/substitution and for manufacturers to shift to other products.
2. Support the establishment of affordable smoking-cessation clinics nationwide;
3. The imposition on the Department of Health (DOH) and the Department of Education, Culture and Sports (DECS) of the responsibility to inform the general public, children in particular, of the serious, long-term and hazardous effects of smoking;
4. Enforce and implement the Clean Air Act, the law that prohibits smoking in all enclosed public places;
5. Strongly support the World Health Organization's Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC) which aims to lay down stricter global control measures on tobacco and cigarette sale, advertising and promotions.

We believe in the capability of President Macapagal-Arroyo's administration to make a strong and firm stand against tobacco because ***TOBACCO KILLS.*** And the only way to stop a killer is to ***CRUSH IT.*** In every way possible.

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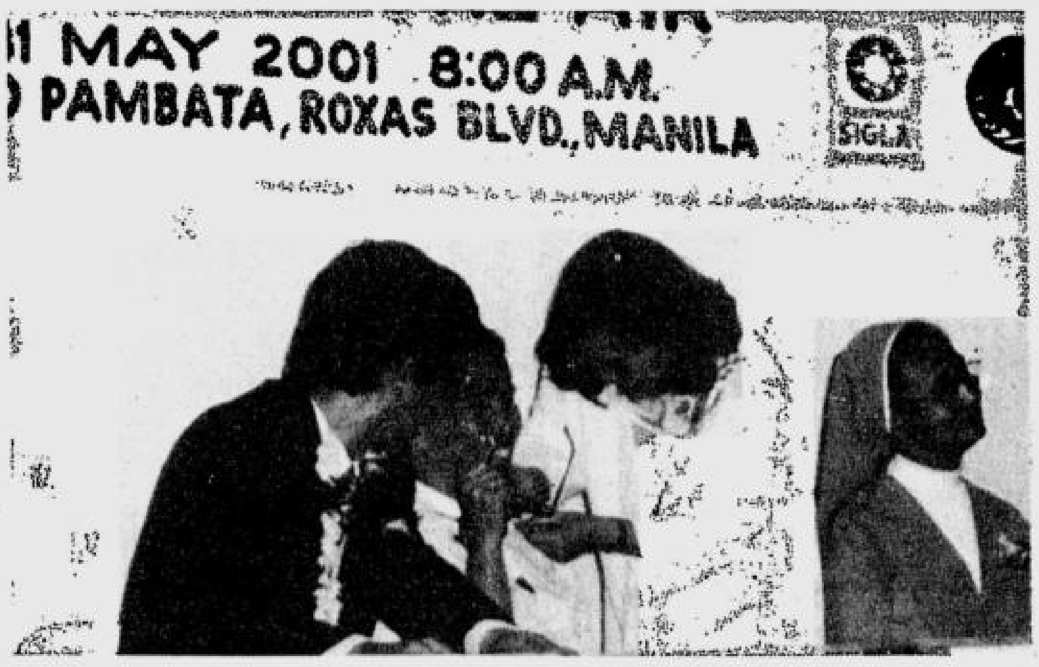
Health Secretary Manuel Dayrit receives Anti-Tobacco Signature Campaign Booklets from Pastor Rodolfo Bautista, Jr. of Adventist Council Against Drug Abuse (ACADA) during the World No Tobacco Day Celebrations at the Museo Pambata.



Dr. Susan Pineda Mercado, Chairperson of the Framework Convention Alliance Philippines (FCAP), pins an orchid on Secretary Manuel Dayrit as part of the World No Tobacco Day Celebrations. Mr. Shigeru Omi, Regional Director, WHO-Western Pacific Regional Office and Sr. Rosanne Mallillin of the CBCP-NASSA look on.

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Woods barely makes cut, 9 behind 3 leaders

TULSA, Oklahoma—On a day of surprises at the US Open, the biggest was Tiger Woods.

He almost went home.

A long and grueling Friday at Southern Hills produced three unlikely leaders—Mark Brooks, Retief Goosen and J.L. Lewis—and more sloppy play from the guy who everyone figured would turn this US Open into another romp.

Instead, Woods wound up with his worst opening round in the US Open in three years, a 4-over 74. He spent the next 18 holes flirting with the cut line before a late run of birdies kept him around for the weekend.

"Sometimes, you've just got to laugh at yourself," Woods said.

He finished nine strokes behind the leaders, his worst deficit in a major since the 2000 Masters, which happens to be the only major he didn't win out of the last six played.

Brooks, who won the 1996 PGA Championship and was the only co-leader with any kind of pedigree, birdied five of his first six holes—the kind of start expected from Woods—for a 6-under 64 and an unlikely spot going into the weekend.

Goosen finally finished the storm-delayed first round Friday morning with a 66 for the lead, then the South African held onto it with an even-par 70. Lewis, a 40-year-old former club pro, had back-to-back 68s in a major championship he described as "just a golf tournament."

They were at 4-under 136, two strokes ahead of Sergio Garcia, who had a bogey-free round of 68 to get into contention at a major for the first time since he leapt onto the scene at the PGA Championship two years ago.

Hale Irwin, the 56-year-old three-time champion who opened with a 67, went out in 41, but birdied the difficult 18th hole for the second straight day and finished with a 75. *AP*

Delasin just 4 down

DOROTHY Joy Delasin fired a second consecutive two-under-par 70 yesterday and moved into title contention as she stood just four strokes off the three joint leaders going into the final round of the money-rich Evian Masters in France. Bidding for her second career victory as a pro and her first stint in Europe, Delasin stood all alone in sixth at 209. American Beth Daniel, the first round leader, regained a share of the top spot after a 70. *Jong Arcano*

Thousands join Milo run

THOUSANDS of eager runners will don their running shoes on June 24 for the Manila elimination leg that will kick off the 25th National Milo Marathon at the PICC grounds in Pasay City.

Assembly for the 42.195-kilometer full marathon is at 4 a.m. and the race starts at 4:30 a.m.

Runners in the 3-Kilometer Fun Run and the 10-kilometer run will assemble at 5:30 a.m. with the starting gun to be fired at 6 a.m.

The Milo Marathon welcomes all runners pro and amateur, young and old. Students and school teams are specially encouraged to join. There will be contests for school running teams and biggest school running team delegations, and inter-school cheering competition. Spectators will be treated to a lineup of fun activities and entertainment programs during the races.

Celebrities in the marathon will include second-time participants Shaina Magdayao and Goyong, who will be joined by first-timers Lana Asanin, Onemig Bondoc, Ann Curtis and Jake Roxas.

SPORTSWATCH

Bowling World Cup

THE THREE-MONTH competition to determine the two Philippine representatives to the 37th Bowling World Cup international finals set Nov. 4-20 in Pattaya, Thailand unwraps tomorrow (Monday) in 24 different keg centers. Open to male and female Filipino bowlers 16 and above, the eliminations will be conducted at the following venues: Paeng's Greenbelt Bowl, Puyat Sports Baguio, Paeng's Sugarbowl-Bacolod, Xybr Bowl, Paeng's Skybowl, Farmers Plaza, Q. Plaza, Grand Central, Astrobowl, Coronado Makati, Ali-Mall, Manuela EDSA, SM West, SM Megamall, Bowling Inn, Metropolis Alabang, Commonwealth, Greenlanes, Superbowl, Pearl Plaza, Paeng's Freedom Bowl Imus, Power Bowl-Rockwell, Coastal Lanes and Paeng's Midtown Bowl.

Kuerten out of Wimby

LONDON—As expected, the world's top-ranked male player will not be at Wimbledon. French Open champion Gustavo Kuerten officially pulled out of Wimbledon on Friday, citing an injury. The Brazilian, who won his third French Open title Sunday, had already announced that he planned to skip Wimbledon. He said he had a sore groin and needed a rest. *AFP*

Karen earns P75,000

KAREN Villanueva endured the rigors of a grueling seven-hour competition to rule the first-ever Rexona Independence Day aerobics marathon that started at the Luneta grounds and ended at the Manila Hotel. The 28-year-old Villanueva flaunted her aerobics prowess and stamina to pocket the P75,000 top purse put up by Unilver through its Rexona Ultimate Challenge Series.

RP pug beats rival

ATHENS, Greece – Lhyven Salazar beat his rival from Cyprus to assure Caltex Team Philippines of at least a silver medal Friday night in the 22nd International Cup Acropolis boxing championship. The 22-year-old southpaw downed Roudik Kazanjian in their light flyweight fight to join fellow Filipino Rene Villaluz (flyweight) in the championship bouts on Sunday. Bantam Ferdie Gamo and welter David Gopong gun for silver medals on Saturday.

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SMB faces Red Bull; Asi back

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Ginebra	1	2
Purefoods	1	2
Shell	1	2
Sta. Lucia	1	2
Tanduay	1	3

GAMES TODAY (Araneta Coliseum)
4:15 p.m. – SMB vs Red Bull
6:30 p.m. – Mobiline vs Shell

BY MARC ANTHONY REYES

SAN Miguel Beer and Batang Red Bull will try to crowd Alaska Milk in the top spot going against each other, while Mobiline and Shell clash today in the PBA Commissioner's Cup doubleheader at the Araneta Coliseum.

Since it is just a short, single-round elimination, all 10 teams need as many victories as they can get to qualify them for the eight-team quarterfinals.

The Beermen and the Thunder, who share not only identical 2-1 records but also the ignominy of having been beaten by the league-leader Aces, lock horns at 4:15 p.m.

The Phone Pals and the Turbochargers square off in the second game with Mobiline trying to score its second win in two games against struggling Shell which has lost twice in a row for a 1-2 record.

Meanwhile, Asi Taulava flew back to the country Friday night, for the first time since leaving for the United States due to insufficient immigration papers.

Mobiline manager Nick Dela Paz said Taulava joined the Phone Pals for a dinner at the Pacific Plaza Hotel where the 6-foot-9 Fil-Tongan announced his desire to resume his PBA career.

Pop prevails

ORMOC CITY— Pop Cola hammered out a 99-88 triumph over Tanduay yesterday in the PBA Commissioner's Cup at the Ormoc Superdome here. The Panthers notched their second victory in four games, while the Rhummasters dropped to 1-3. *June Navarro*

POP 99—Sasser 37, Antonio 21, Abarrientos 15, Ballesteros 12, Juinio 6, Hatfield 5, Bolado 3, Morano 0, Jose 0.

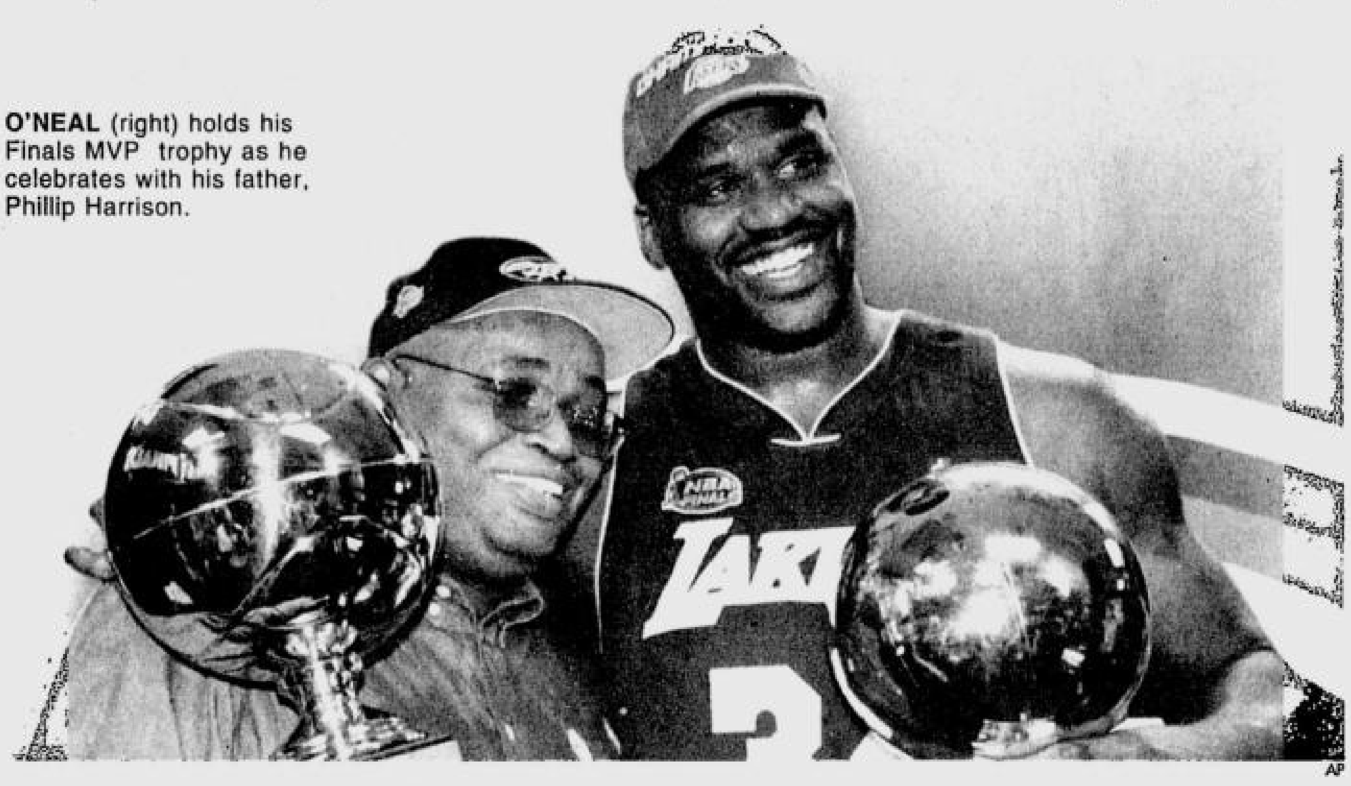
TANDUAY 88—Cariaso 25, Freeman 15, Hontiveros 11, Balingit 10, Realubit 9, Locsin 8, Webb 3, Arboleda 3, Pumaren 2, Hawkins 2, Cantonjos 0.

Quarters: 21-12, 50-36, 75-60, 99-88.

Petron races

FERDINAND Ong, Monching Gutierrez, Menchie Francisco and Mikko David try to tighten their grip on the overall lead in their respective categories when the Petron Grand Prix resumes with the seventh and eighth rounds at the Subic International Raceway this weekend.

Ong, who is enjoying one of his finest seasons since joining competitive racing, seeks another win in the centerpiece Blaze super saloon category and keeps the lead in the race for the prestigious "Driver of the Year" award.



O'NEAL (right) holds his Finals MVP trophy as he celebrates with his father, Phillip Harrison.

AP

LA Lakers set records

PHILADELPHIA — No team ever had a postseason quite like these Los Angeles Lakers, who won their second straight championship with relative ease to complete the best playoff run in NBA history.

Los Angeles defeated the Philadelphia 76ers, 108-96, in Game 5 of the NBA Finals on Friday night, leaving the court to boos and taunts from the fans.

With Shaquille O'Neal leading the way, the Lakers finished the playoffs with a record of 15-1, the best ever, and became the first team to go through the playoffs undefeated on the road.

"This time is fun," said O'Neal, the series MVP.

The Lakers won 23 of their final 24 games and were so good that their last pass of the game—an alley-oop from Rick Fox to O'Neal—dropped unexpectedly through the basket for a 3-pointer.

"We capped it off in the exact way we hoped we would," Fox said. "We never gave up on our chances of putting together a stretch like we did at the end. This is a remarkable return to the glory we expected to have."

The final 3-pointer was one of 12 the Lakers made in a clincher that could have turned into a blowout if not for the determination of the 76ers.

The Sixers made one of their patented fourth-quarter comebacks, cutting a 19-point deficit to seven with 1:13 left. But Derek Fisher—as so many Lakers role players had done throughout the series—hit a 3-pointer to end the 76ers' hopes.

Allen Iverson left the game for good with 40.3 seconds left, leaving to a standing ovation and a chant of "M-V-P" from the fans who had hoped for the Sixers' first title in almost two decades.

Jackson bags 10th title

PHILADELPHIA—Phil Jackson now has National Basketball Association championship rings for all 10 fingers.

Jackson achieved his eighth NBA title as a coach in 11 years when the Los Angeles Lakers won their second consecutive NBA Finals crown yesterday.

Jackson's NBA titles include two won playing for the New York Knicks in 1970 and 1973, six in eight seasons while coaching Michael Jordan and the Chicago Bulls and two more the past two years with the Lakers.

Jordan breaks 2 ribs

CHICAGO—Michael Jordan's possible return to the NBA suffered a setback when he broke two ribs this week in a pickup game, according to Washington Wizards coach Doug Collins.

Collins, whom Jordan hired as coach last month, told NBC and The Washington Post on Friday that Jordan, the team's part owner and president of basketball operations, was injured in a pickup game with NBA players at a gym in Chicago on Wednesday.

Scores:

LAKERS 108 - O'Neal 29, Bryant 26, Fox 20, Fisher 18, Horry 7, Grant 6, Shaw 2, Madsen 0, Lue 0, Harper 0.

SIXERS 96 - Iveron 37, Hill 18, Mutombo 13, Snow 13, McKie 7, Lynch 2, Geiger 2, Ollie 2, Bell 2, MacCulloch 0, Bufford 0.

Quarters: 24-27, 52-48, 83-68, 108-96.

Blades face Gems today, eye 4-0 card

GAMES TODAY *(Cebu City Coliseum)*
3:00 p.m.—San Juan vs Davao
5:30 p.m.—Batangas vs Cebu

BY ROY LUARCA

CEBU CITY—The North pacesetter against one of the South's best.

That will be the scenario when the LBC Batangas Blades and the Cebuana Lhuillier Gems clash at 5:30 p.m. today in the MBA First Phase at the Cebu City Coliseum.

Unbeaten in their first three starts, the Blades are expected to encounter rough sailing against the Gems, who are also on a three-game roll after dropping their first game, especially with the Cebuanos playing in their homecourt.

The Gems are fresh from a 137-105 dumping of Andok's San Juan Knights last Friday, underscoring their offensive and rebounding might.

Led by Matthew Mitchell, Peter Naron, Homer Se and Stephen Padilla, the Gems have breached the century mark in their last three games en route to a league-best 113.5 points per game average.

Though not as prolific as the Gems, the Blades (89.33 points per game) also boast consistent scorers Alex Compton, Eddie Laure and Romel Adducul.

Hermoso favored in Formula Toyota Cup

ROLAND Hermoso of Standard Insurance-KACE tries to duplicate his impressive showing in Batangas when the third and fourth round of the Formula Toyota Cup gets under way at the Subic International Raceway this weekend.

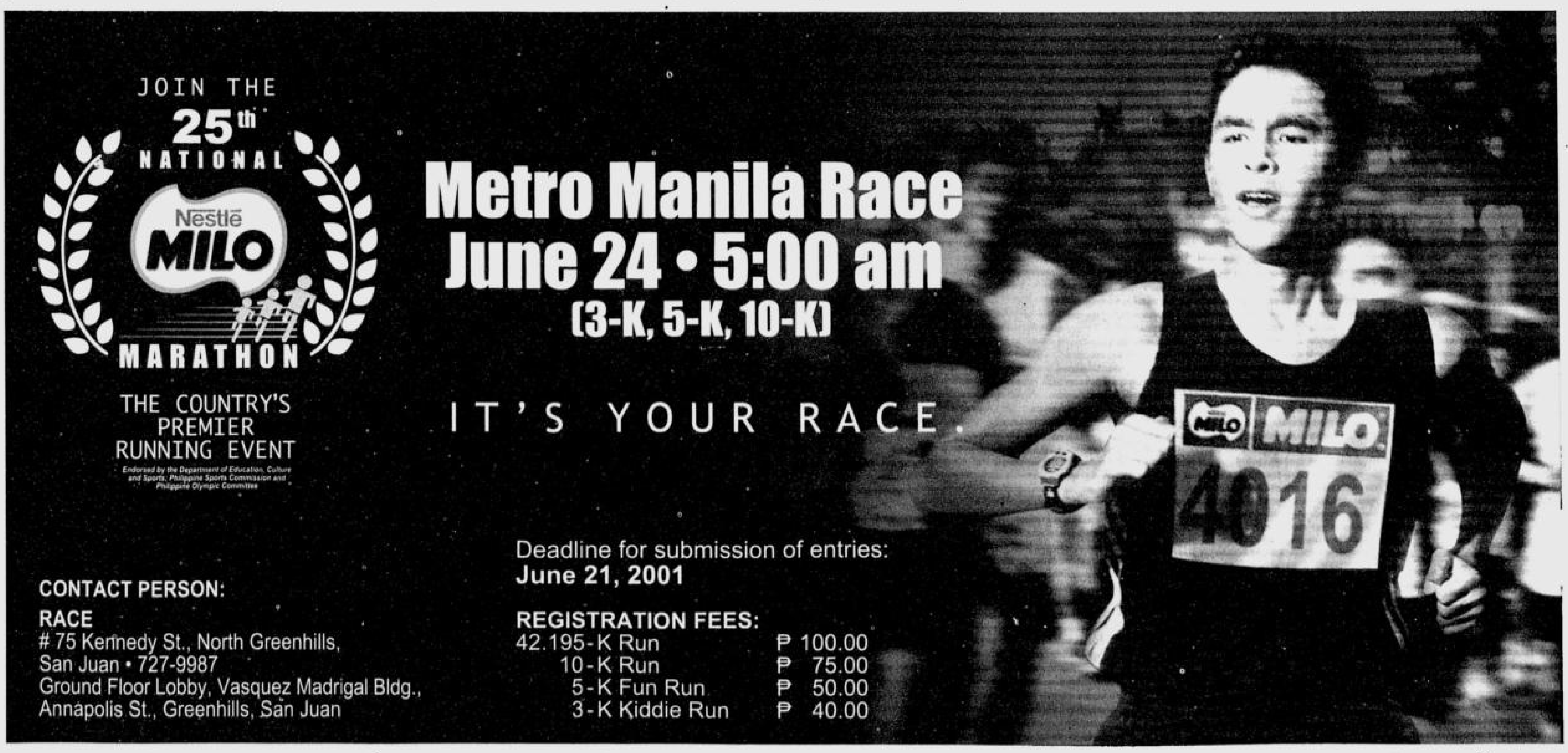
Hermoso, who completed a sweep in the first rounds held at the Batangas Racing Circuit last April 29, sets out as the slight favorite in the annual event being organized by the Batangas Racing Circuit Association (BRCA) and sponsored by Toyota Corp.

Overall, Hermoso has a perfect score of 40 points based on the 20-15-12-10-8 scoring system.

Enzo Pastor of Team TEC and Joel Retuya of Shell are expected to provide the biggest threat to Hermoso's ambitious bid to complete another sweep of the races.

Pastor, who finished second in the first round, has 27 points, while Retuya, who wound up second in the second round, has 25 points.

A far fourth overall is Jess Garcia of Kart 1 with 18 points.



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Kennie goes for crown

KENNIE Asuncion is out to retain her crown and her brother Kenevic goes for his first national title in the JVC Open Badminton Championships today at the Glorietta in Makati City. Kennie, 23, a Tourism graduate at the University of the Philippines, takes on Vanessa Tanco of Manila Polo Club at 2 p.m. Kennevic battles Jaime Llanes.

Sunday **SPORTS**

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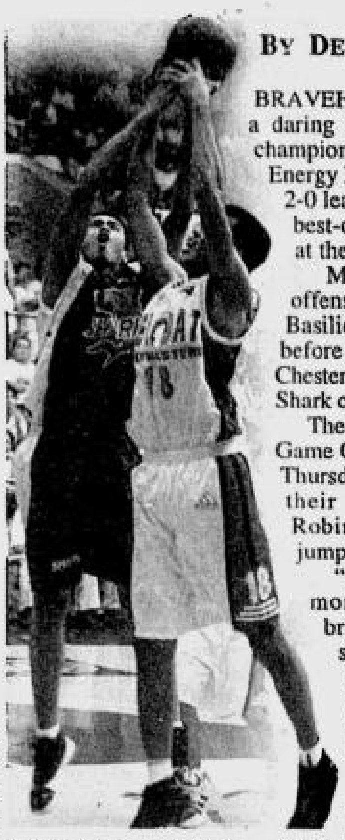
BASKETBALL: NBA Inside Stuff at 7:30 a.m. (r) on Star Sports
NBA Finals Game #5—Lakers vs 76ers at 12:30 p.m. (r) on ESPN
Asian Basketball Show at 6 p.m. (r) on Star Sports
This Week in the NBA at 11:30 p.m. on CNN

Welcoat makes it 2-0 over Shark

By Dennis U. Eroa


JESS YUSON

SHARK'S Sotto (left) challenging De Ocampo.

BRAVEHEART Jojo Manalo completed a daring undergoal stab as defending champion Welcoat Paints nipped Shark Energy Drink, 80-79, in overtime for a 2-0 lead in the PBL Chairman's Cup best-of-seven title series last night at the Makati Coliseum.

Manalo, Ren Ren Ritualo's offensive partner, slipped past Rolly Basilides and attacked the baseline before scoring off Rysal Castro and Chester Tolomia, silencing the cheering Shark crowd.

The Energy Drink Kings, who lost Game One also by a point, 58-57, last Thursday, had 1.1 seconds to reverse their fortunes. But Michael Robinson's turn-around, 10-foot jumper rimmed out as time expired.

"Everybody had his bright moment but Jojo's was the brightest. It was a gallant act," said Welcoat mentor Junel Baculi as the Paintmasters duplicated their 2-0 start in the Challenge Cup but which they eventually lost to Shark, 4-3.

Earvin Sotto, whose perimeter shots kept Shark in the thick of the fight, sank two free throws, 74-74, and Shark had the chance to wrap up the game in regulation, 15.7 ticks left. But Robinson and Tolomia missed their jumpers. Then Basilides made a poor pass to Castro underneath as time expired.

Both teams traded misses in the extra period before Castro and Yancy de Ocampo scored, 76-76. A follow-up by Derick Canlas gave Welcoat a 78-76 lead.

Unlike in Game One, Shark was able to solve Welcoat's zone and the double-teaming defense on De Ocampo underneath worked wonders. But it wasn't prepared for the Paintmasters' 12 triples, three coming in the fourth period.

In the first game, Ana Freezers beat GIV Beauty Soap, 90-85, forcing a playoff for third place. Coach Rudy Mendoza returned after missing the first game which Ana lost by a mile, 100-87.

"I would like to thank my dear friend Peping Santos for giving me coaching tips which worked wonders against GIV. Peping pointed out that Ana must improve its free throw shooting," Mendoza said.

Scores:

WELCOAT 80—Ritualo 17, Manalo 16, De Ocampo 14, Cruz 10, Tan 9, Canlas 6, Patrimonio 6, Encarnacion 2, Carmona 0, Tolentino 0, Orfrecio 0.

SHARK 79—Basilides 15, Tolomia 15, Sotto 14, Castro 13, Robinson 13, Ybañez 5, Malabanan 2, Gumpenberger 2, Garcia 0, Rodriguez 0.

Quarters: 15-18, 38-44, 50-54, 74-74, 80-79.

GMA cheers up 5,000 kids in Palaro

WITH President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo acting like a doting mother watching over her huge brood, street children had a fun-filled day yesterday during the relaunching of the Palaro ng Batang Lansangan at the Rizal Memorial Track and Field Stadium.

"I now declare the Palaro ng Batang Lansangan Games open!" said Arroyo as more than 5,000 street kids from 17 towns and cities in Metro Manila roared in delight and approval.

The Chief Executive earlier handed out family and Balik-Eskwela packs to street kids, symbolizing the revival of a program that she herself initiated in 1998 while she was still Vice President and Social Welfare Secretary, together with the PSC under Chair Carlos D. Tuason.

PSC Commissioner Cynthia L. Carrion, who oversees sectoral sports and the PNBL organizing committee chair, said: "This project was created in order to introduce the benefits of sports to our youth and to discover champion athletes in our country."

Said Tuason: *"Ito ang programang tutulong sa inyo na maging malakas, matatag at mapalayo sa mga hindi magandang gawain at makaiwas sa bawal na gamot."*

Added Carrion: "This will be a year-long PSC program offering opportunities for sports recreation among street children in the hope of rebuilding their lives as fruitful citizens."

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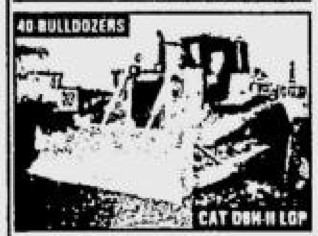

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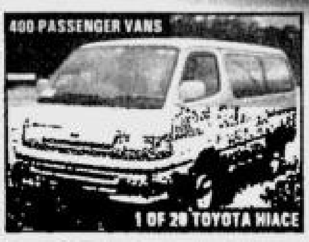

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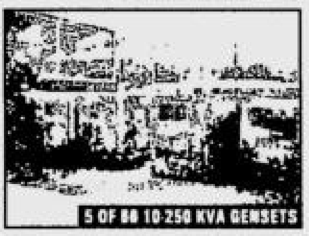

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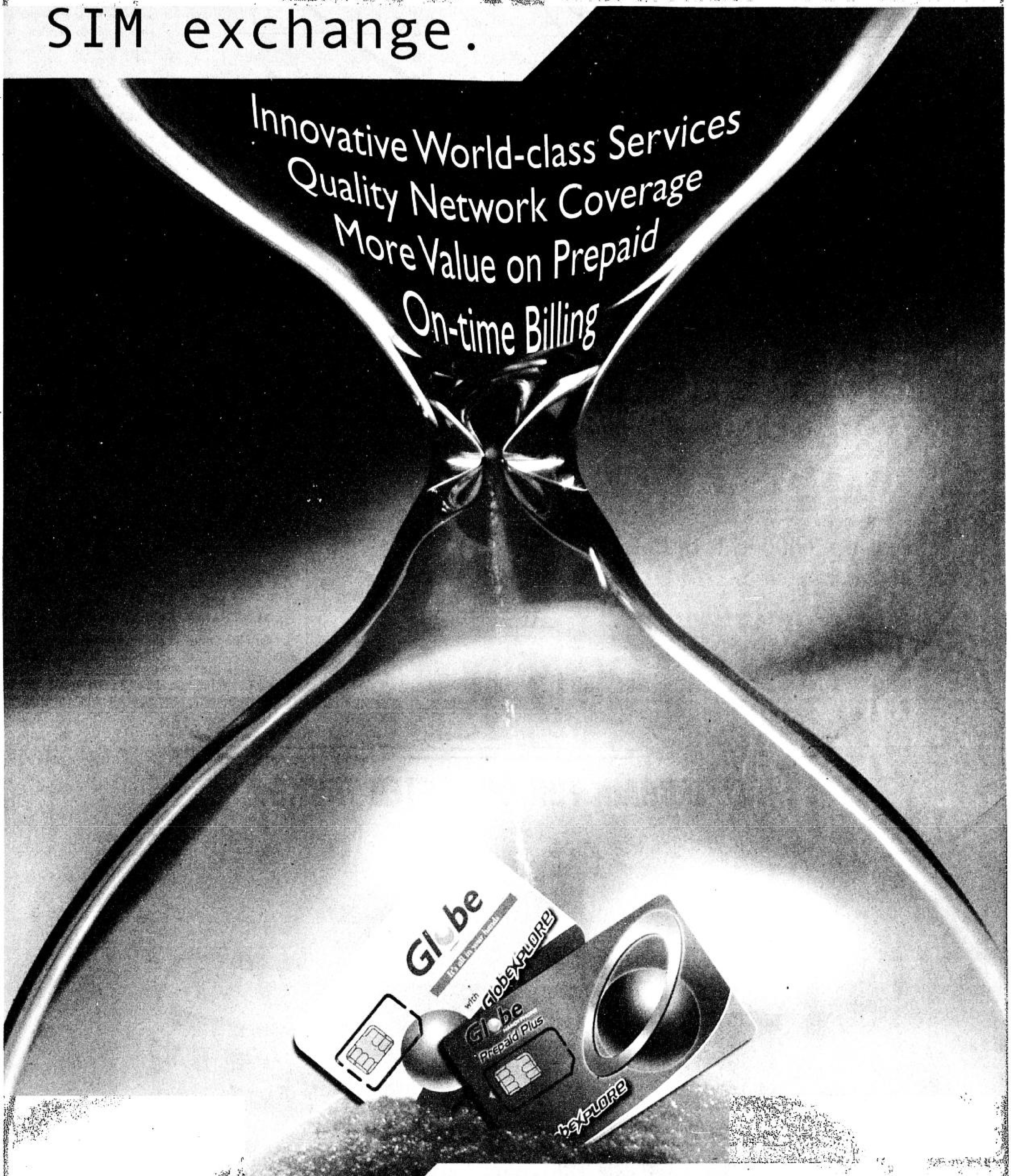
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LOUIE C. CAMINO, Editor

Mother, daughter strangled
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3 boys die in Sta. Mesa fire

BY JEROME ANING

A FATHER of four lost three sons when he failed to rescue them in a fire in Sta. Mesa, Manila at dawn yesterday.

Pastor Gabon, 45, failed to save the lives of his sons John Paul, 15, John Eric, 9, and John Dave, 5, who were trapped in a bedroom with a defective door lock during the one-and-a-half hour blaze, fire authorities said.

Gabon himself suffered second-degree burns and is being treated at the University of East-Ramon Magsaysay Medical Center in Quezon City, according to fire investigator SFO3 Redentor Alumno.

He said the fire started from a leaking liquefied petroleum gas tank in the kitchen on the ground floor of the Gabon residence on Road 2, V. Mapa Street, Sta. Mesa, about 4 a.m. yesterday.

Pastor reportedly came home from work at a factory and could have been preparing breakfast when the LPG tank burst into flames as he switched on the stove, Alumno said. Pastor's shoulder and back were scorched.

His wife Editha said she was sleeping upstairs when she was awakened by the explosion and her husband's screams and was horrified to see flames and smoke enveloping the house.

She grabbed her 3-month-old son and roused her other children from sleep in another room. She said she also tried to help her husband who was by then already outside the house.

But in the confusion, she did not notice that her sons failed to follow her out of the house. She claimed she later went back to the boys' room but was unable to open the door because of the defective knob, which made it impossible for those inside the room to open the door.

She rushed out of the house and told her husband, who dashed in again but the heat and fumes kept him back.

The blaze spread to about 30 more houses and shanties on Road 21 before it was put out at 5:25 a.m.

Damage to property was initially pegged at P8 million.

SFO4 Alumno said fire trucks could not enter the area because the streets were either too narrow or were jammed with appliances and furniture by residents who were trying to save them from the fire.

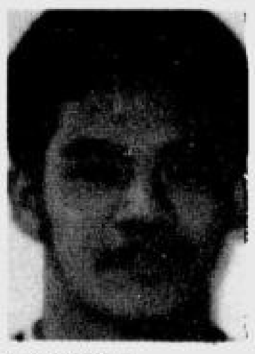
At the Port Area in Manila yesterday morning, another fire hit a cluster of stores, gutting P10 million in property and wares.

The fire originated about 5:30 a.m. in a storeroom of the Sinag-Tala Shopping Arcade at the corner of Thirteenth and Atlanta streets near Gate 4 of the Manila South Harbor.

The blaze was put out at 7:32 a.m.

From ill-starred to five-star

BY TINA ARCEO-DUMLAO



LATUMBO

BARTHOLOMEW Franco Latumbo was born to a typical middle-class family in Rizal. He lived in a comfortable house, went to a good school and did not have to worry about where the next meal would come from.

His simple, quiet life, however, was cut short when his father turned to drugs. His home was filled with the harsh sounds of his parents' frequent and often violent fights.

Bart became so depressed that he even contemplated suicide. Once he was ready to jump off a bridge but friends were able to pull him back just in time. They were so concerned for him that they followed him home after one of their get-togethers.

TALES OF THE CITY

The eldest of five children, Bart realized he had to be strong for his family. He had to fight his mother's battles for her and so, at a young age, he had to stand up to his father and fend off his blows.

"The last time they fought I was so afraid because he was really going to kill us," he recalls. "I knew we had to leave. Someone referred us to go to the DSWD (Department of Social Welfare and Development) and then we ended up at the Women's Crisis Center."

He brought his mother and siblings to the WCC but after two weeks they were asked to go to the Pangarap Shelter for street children, where, they were told, they would to be safe from their father's wrath.

Bart says the Pangarap Center seemed like another form of torture. He felt like a prisoner because he and his brother were not allowed to go out or to see outsiders. He also felt he did not belong in that center since he was not a child of the streets. He knew he had to leave.

Catching up

Bart ran away but he was promptly brought back to the center. Social workers in the center took the time to explain to him that he was there for his own good and that they were really after his best interests.

"My brother and I ended up staying for two years and I learned a lot," he says. "At the start I did not like mixing with the other kids because I felt we were not on the same level but eventually I became interested in them and I felt for them."

He also went back to school after having stopped for two years. When he went back to third year high school at Don Bosco, he was already 17, older than almost all his classmates.

"I thought to myself that I had to work double time because I had to catch up with people my age," he says. "I studied hard. It was difficult but I was inspired. I loved school."

He studied so hard that in just one year, he was able to finish the equivalent of two years of high school because he was accelerated. And he graduated class valedictorian.

Unicef and Pan Pacific

The Don Bosco director was so proud of Bart's accomplishment that he offered to finance the young man's college education. Bart passed the entrance test for an engineering course at the Technological University of the Philippines.

FROM/ A26

Two traders shoot cop over traffic

BY PHILIP C. TUBEZA

TWO BUSINESSMEN and their driver shot dead a policeman during a quarrel over traffic in Caloocan Friday night.

Caloocan intelligence unit agent SPO4 Alejandro Valdez, 41, of Phase 4, package 2, Bagong Silang, Caloocan City, was shot in front of a videoke bar by Ryenaldo Ramirez, 47, and Fabian de la Cruz Jr., 35, both of Area A, Camarin, Caloocan City, and their driver Dave Neyra, 33, of Diamond Street, also in Camarin.

Investigator PO2 Constantino Guerrero said the quarrel between Valdez and the suspects erupted at 11:15 p.m. on Captain F. Samano Road near the Caloocan City North City Hall in Camarin.

Valdez and his driver were on their way home on board a taxi owned by Valdez when a Mitsubishi Pajero bumped the cab.

The Pajero was maneuvering out of the videoke bar's parking lot when the Pajero hit the policeman's taxi.

Valdez, who was in civilian clothes, alighted from his taxi and introduced himself as a policeman. But the other men, who were reportedly drunk, allegedly replied "So what?"

Valdez and the other men argued until the latter ganged up on the lawman, PO2 Guerrero said.

The suspects then allegedly took the victim's service firearm, a cal. .45 pistol, Guerrero said.

Before Valdez could get it back, one of the suspects allegedly shot him in the right side of the body.

A police car was patrolling nearby and its officers arrested the suspects before they could escape.

Valdez was declared dead on arrival at the Far Eastern University in Fairview, also in Quezon City.

The suspects are detained at the Caloocan police station. Murder charges were filed against them before the Caloocan City prosecutor's office.

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Mother, daughter strangled

By Philip C. Tubeza

A 79-YEAR-OLD woman and her 46-year-old daughter were strangled by robbers in Quezon City before dawn yesterday.

Rosario Baldoria-del Rosario and her daughter Alma were found dead on the second floor of their apartment at No. 3 Nueva Vizcaya St. in Barangay Sto. Cristo in Bago Bantay, Quezon City, said investigator PO2 Florencio Escobido of the Central Police District-Criminal Investigation Unit.

Alma had a nylon cord around her neck and both of her hands were tied, investigator said. Rosario had a bruise on the head and ligature marks on the head, Escobido said.

Police said they were still trying to find out if there was also rape since a bloodstain was found on Alma's underwear, Escobido added.

A still undetermined amount of money and several pieces of jewelry were missing from Alma's room, where the bodies were found, Escobido said.

Police theorized that the robbers broke into the apartment before dawn yesterday or late Friday night. The apartment's door lock was reportedly destroyed.

Del Rosario's youngest daughter, Orpheus Maria, discovered the bodies at around 7:30 a.m. yesterday in Alma's bedroom.

The victims' cadavers were later brought to the Philippine National Police Crime Laboratory for autopsy.

NATIONAL FOOD AUTHORITY
Quezon City

ANNOUNCEMENT OF TENDER

The National Food Authority (NFA) wishes to announce that it will be conducting a bidding on **20 June 2001** at **1:00 PM** at the **FOOD DEVELOPMENT CENTER BUILDING FTI Complex, Taguig, Metro Manila**, among NFA accredited government corporations/ institutions and Sugar Regulatory Administration (SRA) accredited international traders/suppliers for the supply of **minimum 10,000 MT up to maximum of 54,087 MT raw cane or white can refined sugar (fines)** of any specific origin representing the Philippines' minimum access volume (MAV) allocation for the year 2001 which were tendered last 31 May 2001 under the following terms:

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Submission of the offer together with the bid bond will be between 12:00 noon to 1:00 PM on the tender date.

Opening of offers will start exactly at 1:00 PM. Only those approved and invited by the Bidding Committee for the supply of raw/ refined sugar based on the list of NFA accredited government corporations and international traders/suppliers accredited by the Sugar Regulatory Administration (SRA) are invited to submit sealed tenders.

The pre-bidding conference will be held on 18 June 2001 at 10:00 AM at the **FOOD DEVELOPMENT CENTER BUILDING FTI Complex, Taguig, Metro Manila.**

Interested bidders may secure the terms and conditions starting **15 June 2001 (8:00 A.M. - 6:00 PM) from the Foreign Operations Division, Directorate for Marketing Operations, 5th Floor, NFA, Matimyas Bldg., 101 E. Rodriguez Sr. Ave., Quezon City** with telephone numbers 743-8696; 712-1928; 712-1572; 712-1564 and 711-7433.

Bidding documents will be available on **18 June 2001** right after the pre-bidding conference to qualified bidders/offerors upon payment of a non-refundable fee of P2,000.00.

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Guard shot dead

By Philip C. Tubeza

A SECURITY guard of the Technological Institute of the Philippines in Quezon City was shot dead Friday afternoon by four robbers who took his security agency's payroll money in a daylight robbery.

Policemen were able to arrest one of the suspects.

Guard Marcelo C. Guzman, 46, of J. Manalo Street, Balintawak, Quezon City and of the Naprosi Security Agency, did not make it alive to the hospital after suspect Jonathan S. Puguso, 20, a carpenter of Welfareville Compound, Mandaluyong, and three still unidentified men shot him twice, said investigator PO3 Leo Tabuena.

Police recovered a cal. .38 revolver from Puguso. Tabuena said he is still trying to determine the amount of payroll money the suspects took from the guard.

Guzman had just taken the payroll money from the Naprosi head office on E. Rodriguez Boulevard when the suspects struck at around 3:30 p.m., Tabuena said.

Guzman was on board a jeep going toward Cubao when the jeep got stuck in traffic at the corner of Aurora Boulevard and 20th Avenue.

The four men suddenly boarded the jeep and announced the holdup, Tabuena said.

Guzman tried to fight them off and jumped through the jeep's window, Tabuena said. But before he could get away, the robbers shot him twice, in the head and in the right arm.

The robbers then grabbed from the fallen guard the plastic shopping bag that contained the payroll money.

Responding Cubao policemen arrived in time and caught Puguso, but they did not recover the payroll money.

The victim was brought to the Quezon City Medical Center where he was declared dead on arrival at 3:50 p.m, Tabuena said.

2 hurt in shootout

TWO MEN, including a Quezon City policeman, were injured during a shootout after six robbers held up a moneychanger on Friday afternoon.

PO1 Leo Lintangan, of the Central Police District's Sangandaan police station, and suspect Ireneo Acuba were brought to the Quezon City General Hospital after Acuba and five other unidentified men held up the Solid Express money changing shop, police said.

The suspects were able to take only P50,000 and several cellular phones in their hurry, police added.

The robbers struck at 2:30 p.m. Friday at the Solid Door office at the corner of Congressional and Mindanao avenues. After taking the loot, they tried to escape but responding policemen caught up with them and a shootout ensued.

Philip C. Tubeza

Golez speaks on security

NATIONAL Security Adviser Roilo Golez is the guest speaker of the Movement for National Security Administration Inc. (MNSAi) during its first advocacy forum tomorrow, June 18, at 6 p.m. at the Patio Room of AFPCOC in Camp Aguinaldo, Quezon City. He will speak on "National Security Policies of the Arroyo Administration."

Golez will also induct the board of governors of the MNSAi led by chair Jimmy Soriano, vice chair Philip Peñaflor, president Malu Fernando and secretary general Cherisse Manzano. The governors include Quezon City Vice Mayor-elect Herbert Bautista, Interior Asst. Secretary Abet Iribani, Mar Araos, Tres Bañez, Paul Chua, Sandra Torresyap, Cheri Belmonte and Fr. Sal Dumabok.

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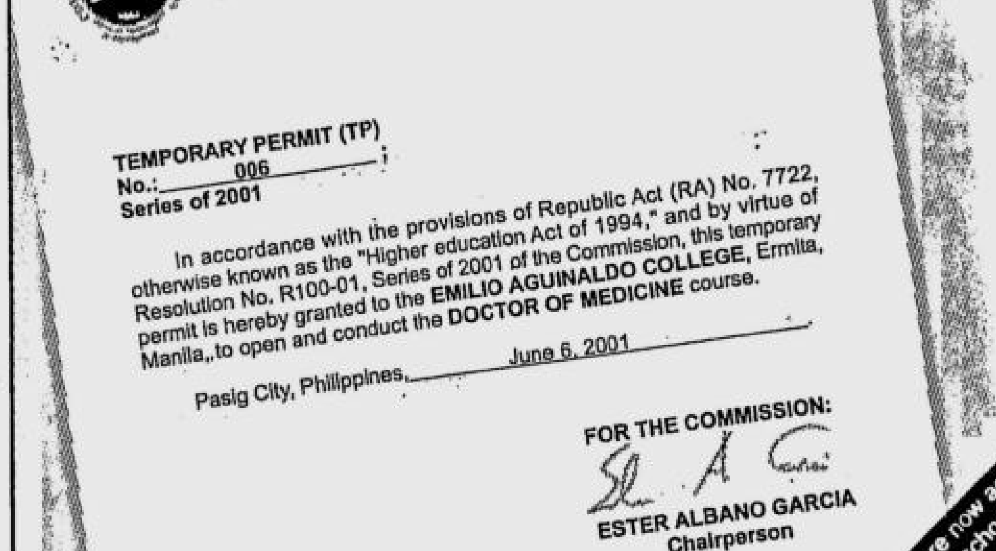

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The Father's Day crisis

By Mario Cornejo

WHILE fathers definitely deserve all the recognition they probably never get, for most of us this holiday has just become another reason to panic. All over the land people are pulling their hair and gnashing their teeth and the general wail rises from the city: *What am I gonna get him?*

And then there's the problem of numbers. While extended families are a great aspect of Filipino life, there are times during the year when all that it means is agonizing over another gift.

Of course, the answer must be in that urban temple to the lower gods, the shopping mall. There's something for everyone at the shopping mall.

Except possibly for fathers.

Rounding up the usual suspects, I head on over to the bookstore. When all else fails, get a book, right? But what kind?

Magical realism doesn't seem manly enough. Sports books written by illiterate athletes are a cop-out. And any work of fiction nowadays is packaged in such a manner as to suggest hopeful inclusion in Oprah's Book of the Month club. Very uncool.

You may think music is a great idea, but believe me, it almost never works. Fathers have had a long time to discover their musical taste, and aren't likely to have a hankering for the newest chart buster of the Backstreet Boys. And they already have a copy of "Abbey Road."

And clothing is even worse. First off, they already have it. Second, getting them something new means walking that fine balance between what they like and what you're willing to buy for them. My father, for example, has an unexplainable affinity for camouflage patterns. I myself do not. There is very little space for compromise given those two statements.

Having to compute the proper placement of the waistline is also a quandary. The most accepted formula is add up how high he thinks it should be and how low you think it should be, then divide by two.

Greeting cards are pretty much out of the question, and not just because of lack of originality. A quick perusal of the selection available makes that pretty clear. While some cards may embody the sentiment, very few express it in ways I'd be comfortable with.

For example, I hardly ever speak in metered rhyme. And giving a humorous card to break the awkwardness of the situation inevitably creates its own kind of tension, as you wonder if a) he got the joke, b) he was offended by the joke, or c) he really would have preferred one of those sentimental cards.

Some people have enough money to buy their dads Jaguars today, and hurray for them. The rest of us just have to grapple with shopping issues and end up questioning our own creativity and self-worth. But if you're very lucky, you might just have access to a popular broadsheet and a sympathetic editor who lets you greet your dad and all the dads in your life in print for the world to see, and spare you the purgatory of having to shop.

Happy Father's Day! To my *Lolo* Resty, whom I see way too seldom. To my Daddy Vening, who I see everyday but fail to thank.

And of course my own dad, who understands me and misunderstands me in ways no one else can. Thanks for everything, I love and respect you all more than you'll ever know.

Woman robbed of payroll money

FOUR unidentified men on Friday held up Josephine P. Martinez, 42, of AVI Inc. and resident of Diwata Street in Goldenhills II, Deparo, Novaliches, Caloocan after she withdrew money from the Security Bank branch on Visayas Avenue.

Investigator PO3 Juan Mortel of the Central Police District's Criminal Investigation Unit said the suspects took from Martinez P22,000 in cash, ATM and credit cards, a Globe cellular phone, a check for P2,000, and P367,451.8 in payroll money that was in a brown envelope.

Mortel said the suspects struck at 1:20 p.m. while Martinez was on board a Honda CRV that was moving along Road 20 in Project 8.

She was on her way back to AVI's office in Manotoc Subdivision in Barangay Baesa, Quezon City, according to Mortel.

He said the suspects, who were on board two motorcycles, blocked the path of Martinez's car and shot its right front wheel.

The suspects then forcibly opened the front doors and announced the holdup, Mortel said.

He said the suspects then grabbed the payroll money and escaped on board their motorcycles.

Philip C. Tubeza

'Ulirang Ama' awardees named

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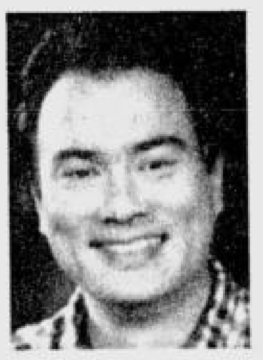

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A SENATOR, a singer, a broadcast journalist and a man who was not able to finish grade school but who was able to give all his children college degrees are among the Ulirang Ama 2001 awardees.

The Ulirang Ama awards are given every Father's Day by the National Mother's Day and Father's Day Foundation of the Philippines, led by president Wilfredo Talag.

This year's Ulirang Ama awardees are Bonifacio Maputi, who barely finished elementary school but whose children are now all college degree holders; Sen. Aquilino Pimentel Jr., Mayor Jesse Robredo, director Eugenio Morales Jr.;

Lawyers Eduardo de los Angeles and Isidro Ilao, Supreme Court Justice Santiago Kapunan, Rep. Angelito Sarmiento, endocrinologist Dr. Augusto Litonjua, oncologist Dr. Eduardo Tan, Enrique Lagdameo, Dr. Jovito Deauna, Renato Valencia;

engineer Isagani Magtolis, Alfredo Gloria Sr., Renato Lirio, Elpidio Concepcion, retired Gen. Juanito Aquias, singer Ogie Alcasid, broadcaster journalist Mari Kaimo and the late Judge Jaime de los Angeles.

Woman with ear cut off found dead

THE DECOMPOSING body of a woman who was apparently strangled and whose right ear was cut off was found in a vacant lot at the Islamic Center in Quiapo, Manila Friday afternoon.

SPO1 Diomedes Labarda of the Western Police District homicide section described the victim as between 35 and 40 years old, about five feet tall, medium-built, with shoulder-length hair, barefoot, and wearing a white shirt and black pants.

Children playing in a vacant lot along Carlos Palanca Street, just behind the mosque, discovered the body, which was already emitting a foul odor.

The children informed Cabili Rascal, an officer of the nearby Task Force Pagari, a police and civilian organization that oversees security in the Muslim area. Rascal called the police.

SPO1 Labarda said the victim, who had a nylon rope looped around her neck, must have died three to four days ago. Her missing right ear could indicate that she might have been tortured before she was strangled, he added. The body was taken to the Sanctuary Funeral Homes in Sta. Cruz.

Jerome Aning

From ill-starred to five-star

(From page A25)

He was just about to get the tuition money from Don Bosco for his enrollment when the Pangarap Center told him about the Youth Career Development Program of the Pan Pacific group and the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund.

Under this program, poor but deserving youth go through a six-month training course at the Pan Pacific hotel where they are taught basic hotel and restaurant skills, leadership training and even grooming and English proficiency.

Unicef and Pan Pacific finance their six-month stay in a dormitory, the training, uniform and meals and also give them a modest allowance. At the end of the training, they get the chance to go to work.

Bart says he was torn between going to college and entering the program. He wanted so badly to get a college degree but he also had to think about his mother and siblings who needed his financial support.

Lucky man

"I had to be practical because my family needed me," he says. "I thought that even if I got a college degree, I am not assured of a job and it would take me five years to finish an engineering course. It's too long."

He finished the Youth Career Development Program from June to December 1998 and became one of its first graduates.

He immediately worked after the training, spending a year with a restaurant group as a food attendant and cashier before he finally ended up as a butler with the five-star Pan Pacific Hotel on Adriatico in Malate, Manila.

"I realize that I am lucky to be here because my friends told me that it is difficult to get hired by a five-star hotel. I am learning here but I will still pursue my dream of becoming a seaman."

He says he wants to go out to sea at least four times, just to save enough money, especially now that he is married with a child on the way.

No repeat

Bart is excited about his coming child. He promised himself he would be nothing like his father, who took drugs and ruined his life and his family.

"They say history repeats itself but this time it won't," Bart declares. "I know what it felt like and I don't want my siblings or my coming child to ever experience what I went through."

But there is something he experienced that he would like his child to experience - to work hard and to find something good in all the badness around you.

"In a way I am thankful for what happened because it taught me to be strong. I learned to be strong and to never give up. I learned to help myself because in the end, there is no one else who will help you but yourself. If not for what happened, I don't think I will be where I am now."

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No father on Father's Day for some show biz kids

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Leah Salterio

DUE to more breakups of show biz marriages this year, a number of children may not get to see their dads today to celebrate Father's Day.

The four daughters of **Janice de Belen** have been father-less since actor-TV hosts **John Estrada** left the house early this year, following persistent rumors about his relationship with his "Magandang Tanghali·Bayan" cohost, **Vanessa del Bianco.**

A radio report, however, said John and Vanessa are no longer together and John is seeing a new, non-show biz girl. The report that he is living in with the girl somewhere in Pasig has yet to be confirmed, though.

The three sons of **Michael de Mesa** and **Gina Alajar —Ryan, Jeffrey** and **AJ**—probably won't get to see their dad, too, after Michael also moved out of the house. They were married for nearly 20 years.

There's talk that Michael has been finding it hard to cope with being alone. He now stays in the condo unit of his sister, **Cherie Gil**, who is based in Italy with her hubby, violinist **Roni Rogoff.** But is it said that Michael tries to seek company at night by sleeping in the house of any of his friends in and out of show business. When he's taping, he reportedly spends the night in the studio.

The baby of **Aiko Melendez** and **Jomari Yllana, Andrei,** will surely miss his dad. Jomari admitted there's not a chance he and Aiko will reconcile soon.

Megastar **Sharon Cuneta** will also be fatherless today, not because of the breakup of her parents. Sharon's dad, former Pasay City Mayor **Pablo Cuneta,** passed away late last year. But Sharon's sadness will certainly be overcome by joy, following the recent victory of her hubby, senator-elect **Francis "Kiko" Pangilinan.** Kiko became a first-time dad after Sharon gave birth to their Baby **Frankie** last December.

It is heartbreaking that so many families are breaking up, but separations are one of the painful facts of life, inside and outside show biz.

Introducing Chelo

TWO decades after **Sharon Cuneta** hit it big in recording with the song "Mr. DJ," the popular composition of **Rey Valera** is revived by newcomer **Chelo.**

The song is one of the cuts in Chelo's debut album, "Nice To Meet You," distributed by Ivory Records.

The new recording artist gave up her life in the United States to launch her singing career in the Philippines.

Chelo, however, is not totally alien to the local entertainment scene. Her parents bring local artists abroad to do concerts, under the family-owned Chelvan Productions. Some of the stars who have worked with them were Sharon, **Gary Valenciano, Ara Mina, Vina Morales, Randy Santiago, Ai-Ai de las Alas** and **Rosanna Roces**.

The album not only features Chelo as a singer but also as composer of such tracks as "The Drug," "Nice to Meet You," "He'll Find Me," "The Sun Going Down," "Without a Doubt" and "When It Happens."

Even if she grew up in the States and speaks with an American twang, Chelo has decided to

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David Duchovny (FBI Agent Mulder in X-FILES), Orlando Jones (BEDAZZLED), Seann William Scott (AMERICAN PIE) and two-time Oscar* nominee Julianne Moore (HANNIBAL) star as the only people standing between the aliens and world domination.

A team of visual effects wizards, led by Phil Tippett, worked with director Ivan Reitman (GHOSTBUSTERS) to design an ever-evolving assortment of alien creatures, which were then digitally rendered. Tippett created the dinosaurs in JURASSIC PARK and the giant alien insects in STARSHIP TROOPERS.

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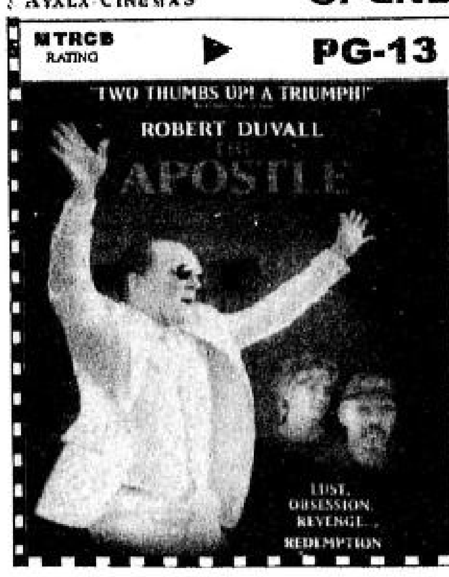

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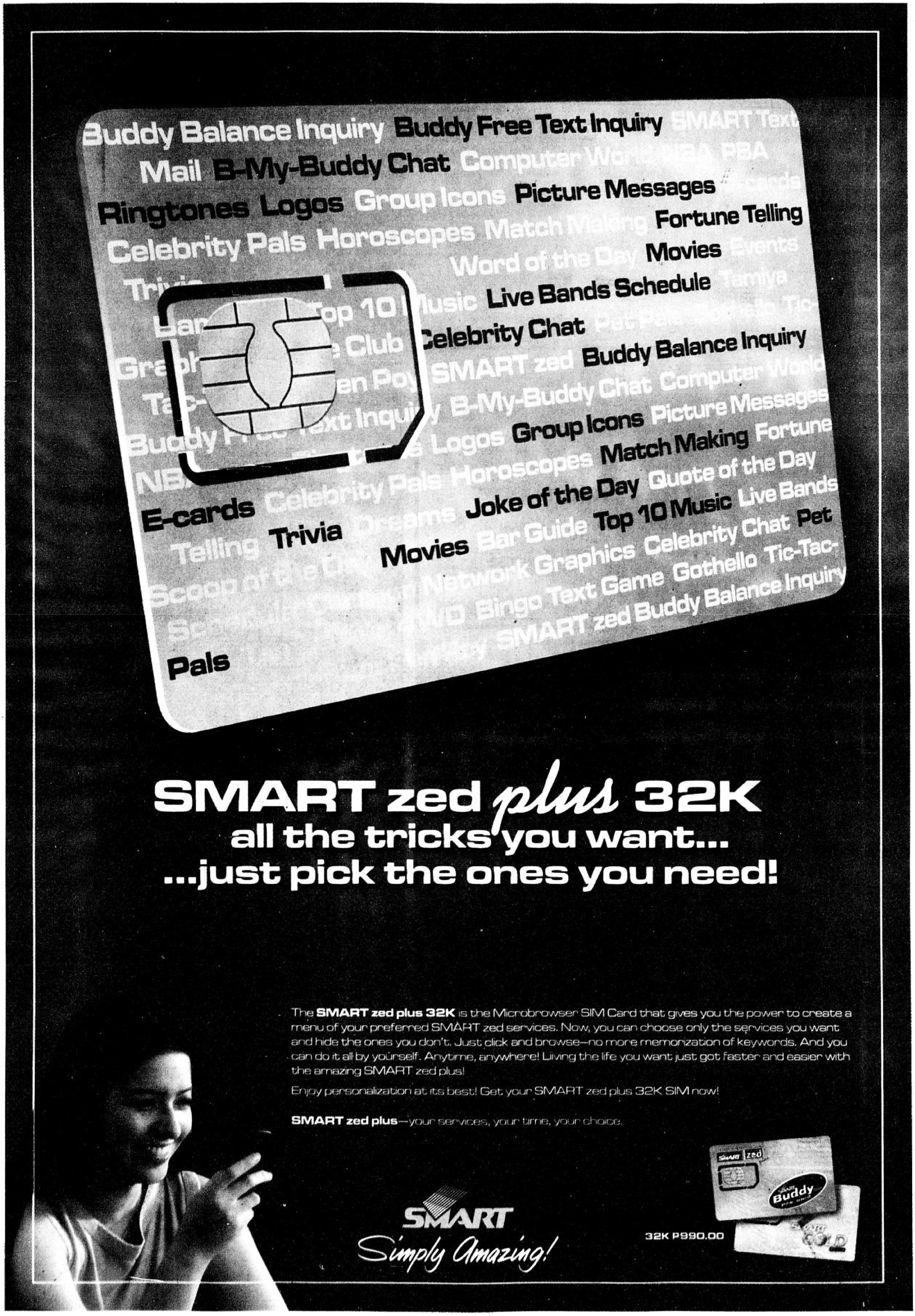
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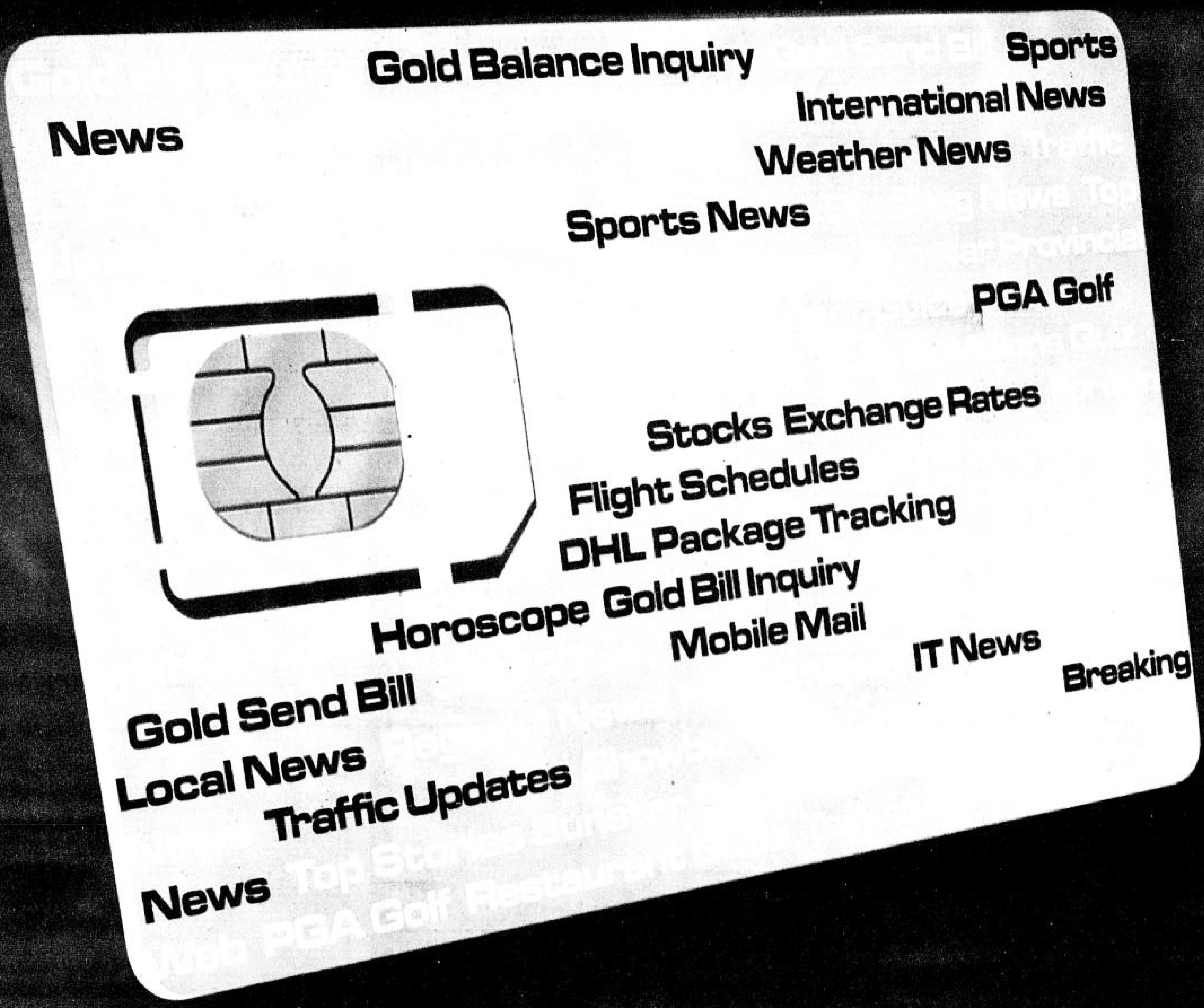
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CHELO. Aims to make it in the local music scene.

No father . . .

(From page A27)

promote a Tagalog ditty, "Ganito Pala Kapag Umibig," as the carrier single of the album.

"People in the industry who are close to me and my family have welcomed me," she says. "They include Tita **Pilita** (**Corrales**), **Ai-Ai de las Alas**, composer **Jimmy Borja** and **Shaina Magdayao**. I hope the public will also give me a chance to prove myself and my talent."

Greetings

HAPPY Father's Day today to my dad, **Jaime Salterio**, who has been coping with widowerhood since the death of my mom nearly two years ago, and to my father-in-law, **Esnar Gatdula**, who's now happily retired after working for a newspaper for more than half his life.

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Paco Magsaysay, only son of Sen. **Ramon "Jun" Magsaysay Jr.**, also likes to send his short message to his dad on this special occasion.

It surprises a lot of people why Paco, now 33, hasn't followed in his dad's footsteps and joined politics. But Paco shuns the limelight. He is content with being in the sidelines and he manages the family business.

Even during the campaign, Paco never took centerstage, but gave his full support to his dad. His efforts did not prove futile.

"I never had the opportunity to live with both parents after they decided to separate ways," says Paco. "I was brought to the United States to study and live with my mom, but I managed to spend quality time with dad when he visited me. These were times I looked forward to. He molded and influenced me in all aspects of my growing years.

"Now, as a father myself, I have come to realize my own shortcomings, in the same manner my father must have realized his.

"I have never considered myself a perfect son, but despite my imperfections, my dad truly loves me for the person that I am.

"Having my own kids and as I grow older, I am thankful and proud that I have become a bit of 'my old man.'"

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Solution creates new problems

VIEWFINDER

Nestor U. Torre

THE MAKERS of the current blockbuster hit, "Pearl Harbor" had a problem: The Japanese air attack on the US Pacific Fleet took only two hours, so if they made a movie just focusing on that assault, it would run short and feel terribly redundant. How to solve the problem?

They decided to start with a tale of boyhood friendship, which later develops into a love story, then a romantic triangle, before the attack on Pearl Harbor finally ensues and plays itself out.

That took care of the length issue, but it created new problems that had to be worked out. So, the finished film is more of an overextended pastiche of diverse elements, rather than a unified whole.

The film starts with the two male protagonists as best buddies in childhood, dreaming of becoming high-flying and heroic military pilots in the future. As fate would have it, that dream turns into a nightmare after only 10 years.

Unknown to US President **Franklin Delano Roosevelt** and other smug, escapist Americans, Japan's colossal war machine slowly but surely sets the stage for the US Navy's tragic humiliation on Dec. 7, 1941.

As the Japanese train their kamikaze pilots and spy on US troop movements in Hawaii, the Americans delude themselves into thinking that they can continue to use diplomatic maneuvers to stave off the arrival of World War Two.

More specifically, **Rafe McCawley (Ben Affleck)** has more than enough time to woo and win Nurse **Evelyn (Kate Beckinsale)**. Then he's sent to Europe to fight in the "real" war there, and is eventually declared missing, and presumed dead.

He is mourned not just by Evelyn, but also by his best buddy **Danny (Josh Hartnett)**. So far, so noble and standard. Then, in a twist that questions the genuineness of the protagonists' love and/or friendship, the bereaved nurse and her late beau's "brother" fall passionately, painfully in love with each other.

This is the film's first dramatic high point, and it transforms the heretofore lightweight story into a dense, changed and ultimately redemptive tragedy.

Trouble is, it's taken so much time coming that the film ends up feeling distended. The film lasts for almost three hours—and feels it.

The length is not really merited, since quite often, the storytelling looks like it's merely coasting along. Crisp editing could have lopped off 20 minutes from the movie, effectively tightening its narrative and making its footage on the attack proper at Pearl Harbor feel more satisfyingly climactic. But this doesn't happen.

The next twist comes when Rafe "miraculously" comes back from the dead. Motivated to survive only by his love for Evelyn, he is totally crushed when he discovers that she has fallen for his best friend!

Thankfully, not too long after that, the film finally focuses on the attack proper, which is made visually compelling by real and digital shots of vicious wartime carnage.

The film could have ended on that high point, but its makers wanted to give American viewers a satisfying tit-for-tat last word, so they appended an anticlimactic mission (led by **Jimmy Doolittle**, to bomb military installations in Tokyo. Then Rafe and Danny have to crash-land and fight off some Japanese troops. This is all very heroic, but it really stretches the movie way past its authentic climax.

All told, therefore, "Pearl Harbor" is a visual treat, and its love story is occasionally affective, but it doesn't know when to speed things up, or when to stop.

On point of performance, Affleck comes into his own as a sensitive war hero and romantic leading man, while Beckinsale has a winningly period look that makes her come off as a young **Katharine Hepburn** of sorts. The fresh discovery here, **Josh Hartnett**, has his work out for him keeping emotional pace with these two more experienced leads.

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Regine performs in Kuh concert

REGINE Valasquez will join pop diva Kuh Ledesma in the latter's forthcoming dinner-concert, "Kuh Sings Streisand," June 29 at the Fiesta Pavilion of the Manila Hotel.

Also guesting in the show are Side A vocalist Joey Generoso and balladeer Chad Borja.

Regine, also a big Streisand fan, will duet with Kuh in "Evergreen," theme from the movie, "A Star is Born."

Regine will also do a spot number in the show.

Chad will sing with Kuh the powerful Streisand-Bryan Adams duet, "I Finally Found Someone." He will also duet with her in "You Don't Bring Me Flowers," which Streisand recorded with Neil Diamond.

Joey G will also share the stage with Kuh. He performed with Kuh in two shows last month as part of the Joey 92.3 Rhythms bar tour.

As part of Side A, Joey G and Kuh also did a special fund raising concert for the benefit of children from indigent families.

Highlight of the evening will be Kuh's rendition of all-time Streisand favorites like "The Way We Were," "Some Things Never Last," "People" and "Evergreen" from the movie "A Star is Born."

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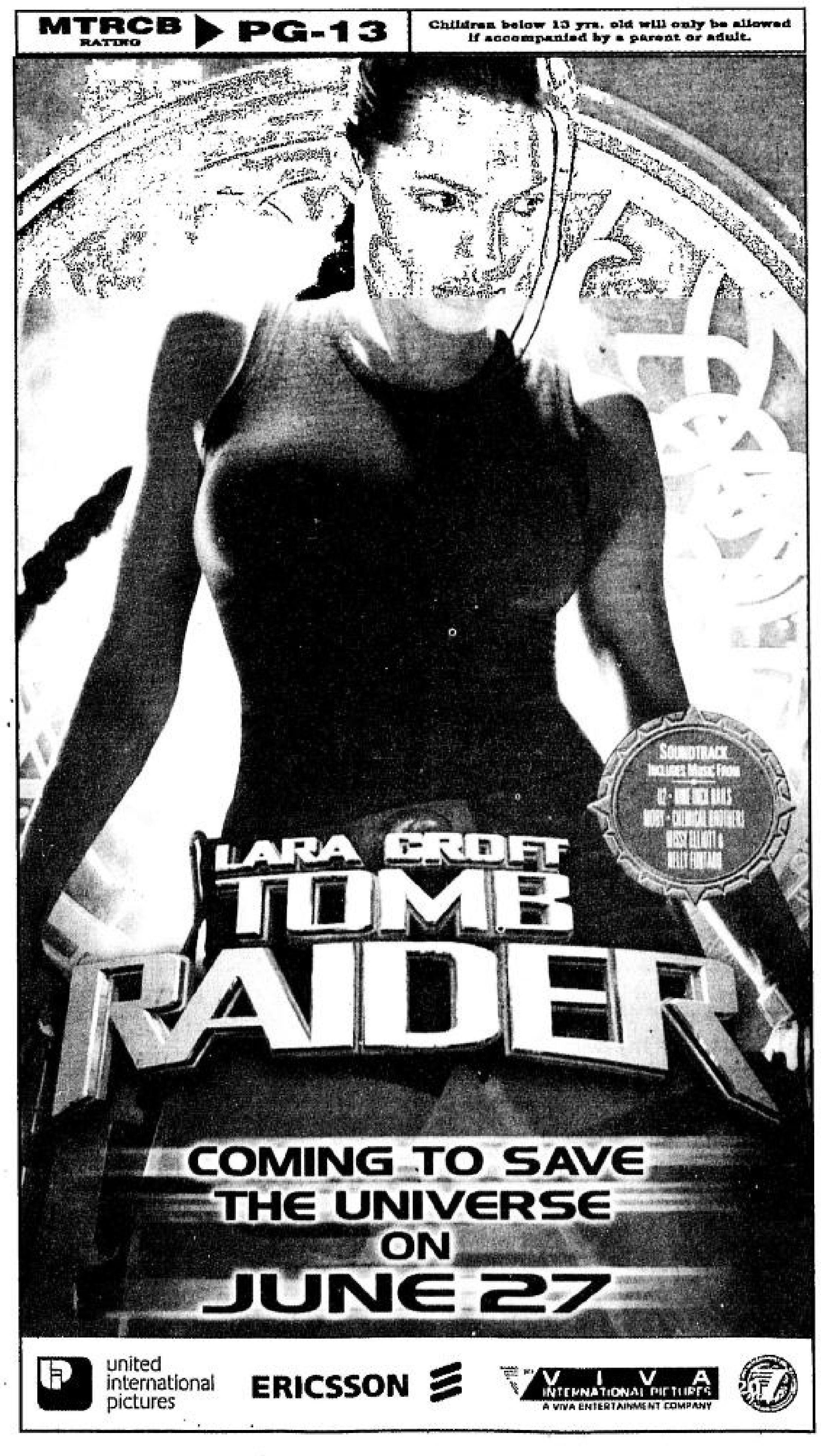
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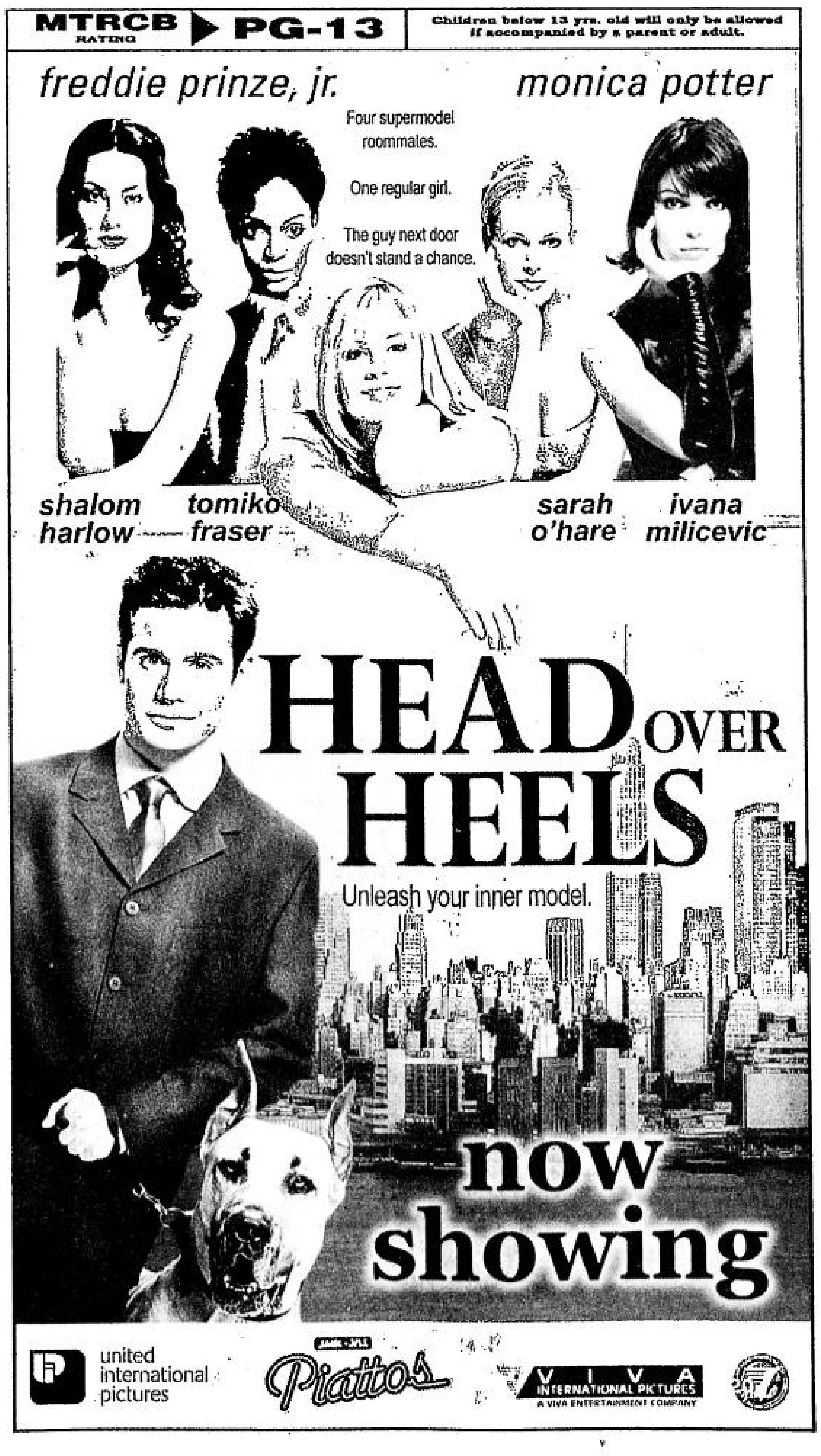
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Chinese fast-food king passes wok to the prince

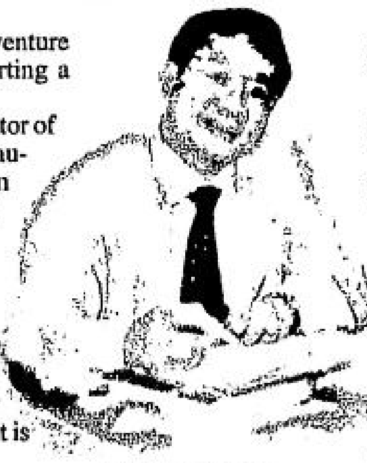
By Corrie S. Narisma

WHEN Robert F. Kuan sold Chowking Corp.—the company he built and nurtured for 15 years to become one of the country's leading fast-food chains—to Jollibee Corp. last year, he must have done it for a number of practical and business reasons.

But it wasn't entirely a business decision. It was more a loving father's way of taking a direct hand in shaping his children's future in business. By selling Chowking, instead of handing it down to the next generation of the Kuans, Robert got the opportunity to try his hand on a new venture and guide his eldest son, Kelvin, in starting a career in business.

Creative Dining Inc.—owner and operator of The Hot Café, Kingfisher Seafood Restaurant and Good View—is a father-and-son partnership. The father is the chair and CEO while the 25-year-old son is the COO. Robert does the visioning and takes charge of motivating people while Kelvin focuses on marketing and everything that calls for his artistic skills.

While Creative Dining, specifically The Hot Café, is some sort of experiment to Robert after Ling Nam and Chowking, it is a hands-on case study for the son.



ROBERT Kuan

"It's like a case study for me with my father as my mentor and coach. He talks to me like we are in a classroom session," Kelvin says.

Unlike a hand-me-down business where the son just continues and improves on an existing venture, the decision of Robert to start all over again gave the father-and-son team the chance to be together from the conceptualization to the day-to-day management of the new business.

The father is there every step of the way to teach the son the ins and outs of business, including purchasing food in the provinces and in Hong Kong (for the Chinese restaurants), but Robert gives Kelvin enough elbow room to move and decide on his own.

"I am in charge of the day-to-day operations, but I approach him especially when problems

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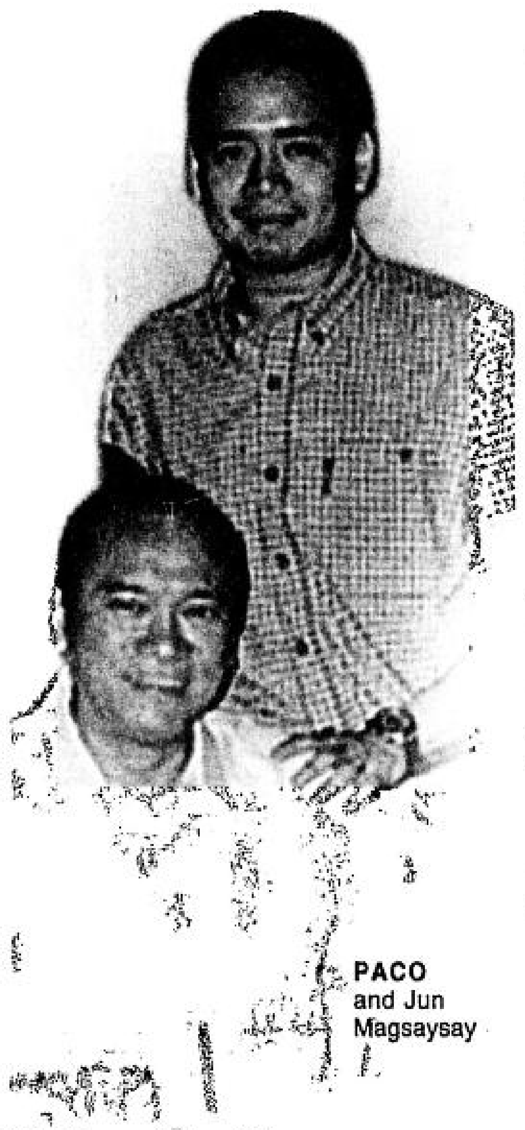

PACO and Jun Magsaysay

My father, the cable man

By Paco Magsaysay

FEW people know that my father is an entrepreneur at heart. To the Filipino people, he is a conscientious legislator. But in our industry, he is known as the Father of Cable Television.

It was in the '70s when my father started the cable TV system in Olongapo City, Zambales. Because of his degree in mechanical engineering, he was able to understand this very technical business. He took out a loan from a bank and started relaying broadcast signals from Manila to Olongapo City.

Eventually, like most entrepreneurs who see opportunities in almost everything, he branched out into other areas. He started putting up other businesses that complimented his cable TV operation. One such business is the program distribution company, which counts as its owners more than 70 cable operators.

Acting like a cooperative of sorts, the cable operators pool all their needs and buy cable TV programs in bulk. The company can thus negotiate for better terms from the programmers, talk about strength in numbers.

What makes my father such a remarkable entrepreneur is the fact that he started from scratch. Yes, he was maybe the son of a President but he never threw his weight around. He never asked for favors. Indeed, he had to take a loan from a bank to start off just like everyone else. He was able to achieve all this with practically nothing. Not many people can match that.

My father and I were separated for 15 years. I lived in the States until 1995 when I went home to check out life in the Philippines.

20 years

My father tested me. He made me work in the different departments so I would get hands-on training and actual experience and learned how each department works.

For the longest time he tested my integrity—how I dealt with the different employees. He made me sign checks up to a certain amount—first it was P10,000, then it was P50,000, then I would sign loans (I'm happy to say though that we do not have too much loans).

The main thing he kept on telling me was to be honest—to the employees and the people you deal with. The integrity of the Magsaysay name is still there even if it no longer involves politics.

He told me if you practice the virtues of honesty, integrity and hardwork, everything else will come along. He said you may be the smartest man around but if you are crooked no one will deal with you.

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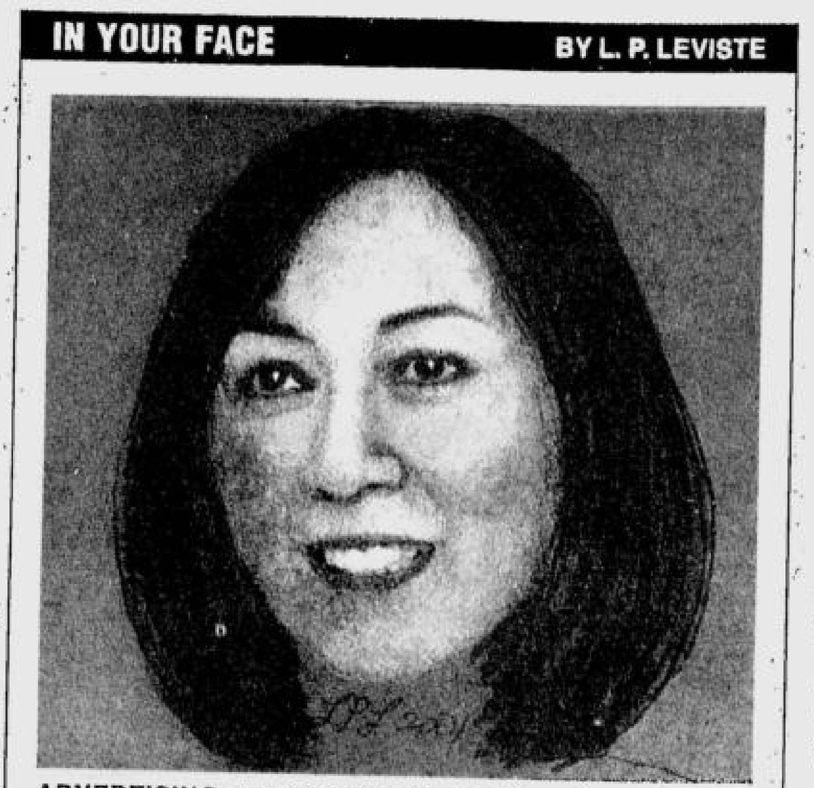

ADVERTISING practitioners are usually relegated to the background. But Yolly Ong of Campaigns and Grey was suddenly thrust into the limelight because of the stinging election campaign against senatorial candidates under former President Estrada's Puwersa ng Masa. Ong, however, explained that the team just used the candidates' own words.

THE FRENCH Embassy recently launched the Philippines-France Professionals Association in honor of all the trainees and scholars who had been sent to Paris since 1965 until the present. The officers are (from left) Pierre Daignieres, commercial counselor; Marilyn Golangco, president of PFPA; Jean-Philippe Quercy, trade commissioner; Jacques Dasset of CFME-ACTIM Paris office; and Dr. Dorina Bustos, PFPA trustee.

If you're in a job you love, you'll not 'work' all your life

"Whistle While You Work"
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& David A. Shapiro
Berrett Koehler Publishers, 2001

BY DANTE M. VELASCO

A FRIEND sent me a gift—a coffee mug with these words from Dilbert, the cartoon character, now considered a 21st century sage: "Work can be very REWARDING. You should TRY it."

EXECUTIVE READ

This mug is my daily reminder, whenever I pound on my computer for proposals to clients and for book reviews for the INQUIRER.

We spend much of our time in work, career, employment, calling, public service, etc., and there are as many books as there are problems and opportunities for this magnificent preoccupation – from the workable pocket guides to psychological analyses to probing philosophical-theological ruminations on life's calling.

Remember "Who Moved My Cheese?" (July 23, 2000) — the inaugural piece of *Executive Read* close to a year ago? The reactions to the review and to the subsequent reading of the book itself showed one thing: Many of us are in the wrong job! And several have considered moving—or scampering away from their unproductive "cheese station" to a new one.

Being in the job you love was also discussed in a book earlier reviewed in this section titled "Business Is a Calling" (July 30, 2000), which was summarized thus: A business career can be a morally noble one. Written by a theologian, the book provided ethical foundations of being in or working for business enterprises.

These two books—one a modern-day light-hearted parable and the other a serious but earnest theological and philosophical treatise—now see themselves harmonized in a book whose title is playful—"Whistle While You Work"—but whose sub-title is dead serious: "Heeding Your Life's Calling."

The book combines the narrative and essay forms as it brings us into the journey of rediscovering our work (or the things we like in our work) or in discovering what we really want to do in life.

It begins with a story of a group on an adventure safari in East Africa. In the middle of the wilderness, Tom, a successful New York lawyer, freezes, imagining a lion behind the bush, and says: "I just want to get out of here. I want to go back."

To which Derek, director of the Voyageur Outward Bound School, replies with this line (which has served as the thematic line in the entire book): "If you can't get out of it, get into it." The authors, who have switched careers midstream, connect such a statement to anyone's career. They say:

"We see so many people who are 'stuck' in their current situation. They want out where they are. They fantasize about winning the lottery, about becoming a millionaire ... about space aliens making contact with humanity and changing the entire world as we know it... But the simple fact is this: If we want to experience real joy in our work, there's only one thing to do: get into it. And for us that means getting into the process of hearing and heeding our calling."

RICHARD J. LEIDER
DAVID A. SHAPIRO
whistle while you work
HEEDING YOUR LIFE'S CALLING

The discussion begins with "The Call," the authors say, with this insightful truth: "Calling is the inner urge to give our gifts away. We heed that call when we offer our gifts in service to something we are passionate about in an environment that is consistent with our core values."

That said, the book proceeds to hold the reader by the hand for the journey that makes a difference in his or her career forever. First, the reader is asked to revisit his or her childhood dreams with the question: "What do I want to be when I grow up?" Before life became complicated, and before we were thrust into a job by accident, what was actually our dream job?

Then the book brings us to an eye-opening discussion on what we want in a "calling card"—from the perfunctory use of business cards to a soul-searching effort to find out what one really wants to do as a "calling." The calling card of one of the authors identifies his job as "Uncovering Callings."

In sum, the book is your career counselor as you come prepared for changing horses midstream or for enriching your present career with the things you have passion for. Ann Anderson, for example, a physician, has this imaginary calling card which says, "Seeing Possibilities," as she works with children.

Arthur Rouner, president of Pilgrim Center for Reconciliation, has this "calling card": "Building Bridges".

This book is not your usual job counseling session. It brings you back to what pumps your adrenaline or what makes you passionate. We know somehow that our associates have their passions somewhere outside their work—photography for a systems manager, painting for a construction executive, humanitarian service for an engineering consultant, and playing with a band for a legislator.

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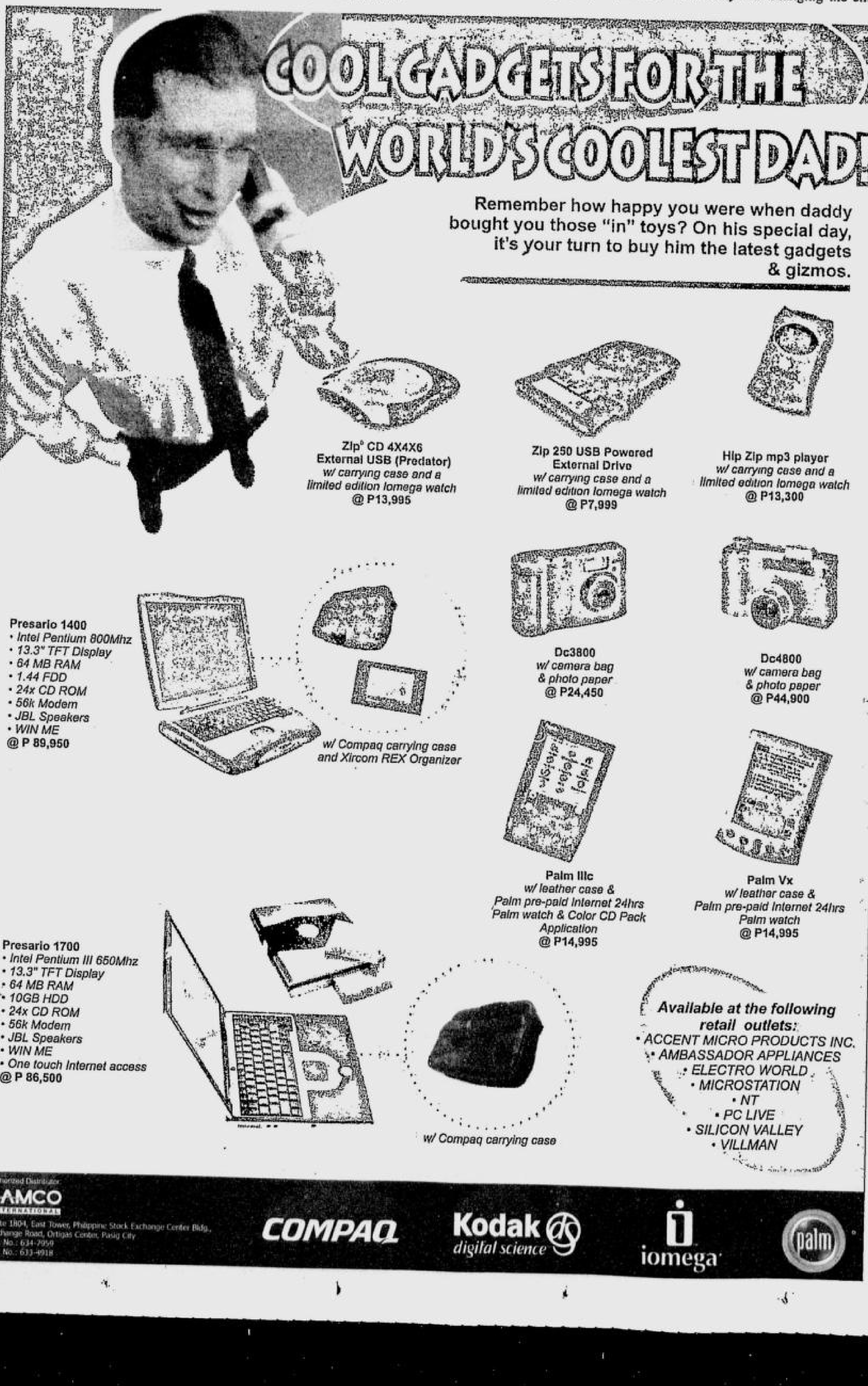
Our real calling is a call for us to give our gifts away. If this book does not move you to change jobs, you will deepen your involvement in a job you love because, after all—since you have fun doing it—you have not actually worked all this time. *(dantemv@i-next.net)*



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crop up," the son says.

He admits they have differences on how to run the business but they talk and at the end of the day, the father and son compromise.

Getting started

"What do you intend to do?" That was how Robert started his piece when he talked Kelvin into doing business with him early last year. That was the time when Robert was already thinking of selling Chowking and putting up something new. Kelvin was then on his third year with Nestlé, his first job after college, where he was an assistant brand manager.

"I have been exposed to the food business all my life—from my grandparents' Ling Nam (which Robert eventually managed for many years) to my father's Chowking, to Nestlé—it seemed natural for me to head the same way. So my answer was food business," Kelvin says.

That started the father and son partnership. They had long hours of brainstorming drawing Robert and Kelvin closer.

"When I was in school up to the time I was working with Nestlé, we didn't get to see each other much because of our schedules," Kelvin says. In the latter part of his college days in Ateneo, where he took up business management, Kelvin stayed in a dormitory.

During his three-year stay in Nestlé, he was assigned to the provinces such as Ilocos and Cebu.

Homegrown

It was during those brainstorming sessions when Robert and Kelvin came up with the idea of putting up a coffee shop and a seafood restaurant, The Hot Café and Kingfisher Seafood Restaurant.

The Hot Café was originally conceived as a homegrown coffee shop that would directly compete with Starbucks and Figaro. But long before The Hot Café opened to the public, the idea already evolved into a Filipino coffee shop concept that eventually became a homegrown eating place that also serves coffee.

"We wanted a contemporary Filipino coffee shop that is not too trendy because we are targeting the whole family for our market," he says.

Creative Dining opened in November the first The Hot Café in Luneta. It was followed last January by another outlet at the Power Plant Mall in Rockwell Center. It serves Filipino coffee, barako, native hot chocolate from the *bartirol* and a wide array of Filipino dishes. For snack, it has, among others, *pandesal* with a variety of traditional fillings, *arroz caldo, dinuguan, lumpia* and pastries.

Also mainstays at The Hot Café are the bangus belly adobo and steak and the *sari-saring longganiza.*

Another project

The Hot Café's menu is still a project in progress, which both the father and son are working on. "We are still expanding the menu and when we are ready, we will put up more outlets and perhaps, go into franchising," Kelvin says.

The Hot Café is targeting for expansion popular hangout areas including Katipunan Avenue and Kelvin aims to make it a 24-hour eating place.

Kingfisher is the newest kid on the block. Also located at the Power Plant Mall, the restaurant opened to the public a week ago. It was conceived to become a premier oriental seafood restaurant for family dining, gatherings and celebrations.

Prior to the opening of Kingfisher, the Kuans acquired Good View Restaurant in Malate, a longtime favorite of Robert and his mother. In fact, these days Robert can be found more frequently in this restaurant than in Hot Café.

Not only is Good View a good business, it also serves as the test kitchen for Kingfisher, which the Kuans envisioned to become one of the better Chinese restaurants in Makati. Kelvin says Good View gives them the opportunity to experiment on certain dishes. "Like we introduced in Good View our bangus belly which is cooked there Chinese style, with oyster sauce and all."

Comparison

Now that the father and son are working side by side, Kelvin is not a bit scared of being compared to his father, who he admits is a tough act to follow.

"I have personally accepted that eventuality. I have been thinking about that since high school. I thought the people think highly of my father so they expect me to be good, too. I believe I was raised nicely to be good, too," he says.

Kelvin says his parents didn't spoil him and his three siblings. "I had a normal childhood. I was made to commute from our house in Binondo to Ateneo until the middle of my third year in college when I finally had my first car." He fondly recalls the times when he missed his stops in Binondo and end up in Divisoria because he often fell asleep in jeepneys.

The father and son are playing different roles in the business and their respective areas of interests fit perfectly. "I want to believe I have carved my own niche and I think my father respects that. He is very supportive," Kelvin says.

Robert's time though is no longer 100 percent devoted to the business. He spends some of his time with his other passions. He is the chair of St. Luke's Medical Center and a trustee of Brent International School of Manila.

Kelvin—who still is into collecting X-men, Transformer and Sandman comics and playing computer games—leaves nothing to chance though. Like his father, Kelvin is pursuing a course in entrepreneurship at the Asian Institute of Management where his father also studied and got his big break.

Who would forget his thesis of expanding and getting Ling Nam (a noodle house put up in the 1950s) out of Binondo? Nobody believed Robert could do it. In fact his thesis proposal was rejected by his professors, Kelvin says. The rest, however, is history.

Hybrid rice seed production is huge business

By Anselmo Roque
PDI Central Luzon Desk

SCIENCE CITY OF MUÑOZ—Production of hybrid rice seeds is proving to be a huge business enterprise for farmers and other agricultural entrepreneurs in northeast Luzon.

From a hectare of rice land devoted to hybrid rice seed production, entrepreneurs can expect P100,000 net income or more in one cropping which has a duration of about 120 days.

With two croppings a year, net income from hybrid rice seed production is very profitable.

Dr. Manuel Gaspar, head of the Hybrid Rice Center of the Philippine Rice Research Institute (PhilRice) in San Mateo, Isabela, said hybrid rice seed fetches P110 a kilo.

He said there's a big demand now for seeds of hybrid rice as more and more farmers are getting interested in the commercial production of hybrid rice.

In the technology for the commercial production of hybrid rice, farmers use 20 kilos of seeds per hectare.

Reports from the Hybrid Rice Center indicated that in five years starting in the 1999-2000 dry season cropping, 125,000 hectares in northeast Luzon have been targeted for production of commercial hybrid rice.

This means that farmers would need a total of 2.5 million kilos of hybrid rice seeds per cropping.

Computing the number of kilograms of hybrid rice seed at the current price of P110 a kilo, the total value of the needed seeds will be a whooping P275 million in one cropping.

For two croppings in one year, the amount to be spent for buying the hybrid rice seeds will be P550 million.

Farmers would need a newly produced hybrid rice seed every time they engage in the commercial production of hybrid rice.

Unlike in inbred rice variety, the grains harvested in hybrid rice production cannot be used for seeds.

Gaspar reported that in hybrid rice production, farmers could expect higher yield per hectare.

He said two years ago, a farmer in Camalaniugan, Cagayan harvested 12.4 metric tons of palay (unhusked rice) from his one-hectare farm in one cropping. At 50 kilograms per cavan, that was equivalent of 248 cavans of palay.

Other farmers, he said, reported harvest of from 150 to 195 cavans per hectare in different provinces in northeast Luzon.

Northeast Luzon is composed of the provinces of Cagayan, Isabela, Nueva Vizcaya, Quirino and Batanes in Cagayan Valley and the provinces of Kalinga, Apayao and Ifugao in the Cordillera.

Gaspar said the average yield per hectare in Cagayan Valley using the best inbred rice variety was only 3.55 metric tons (71 cavans) while that in the Cordillera was 3.07 metric tons (61.4 cavans).

He said there is now high interest among farmers in northeast Luzon to use hybrid rice in the commercial production of palay.

He said other provinces in the country are beginning to take interest in the commercial production of hybrid rice.

Meticulous care

The hybrid rice variety, which is referred to as F1, is the direct product of two genetically different parents, a male (called the R1, R2 and R3 parental lines) and a female (called the "A" parental line).

It is characterized as having "heterosis" or hybrid vigor wherein its young seedlings are highly vigorous and the mature plants have better reproductive characteristics.

In China, more than 17 million of 33 million hectares of rice land are devoted to hybrid rice production.

In India, more than 250,000 hectares are devoted to hybrid rice production while Vietnam has 180,000 hectares. These countries have been exporting rice to the Philippines.

These countries have also developed their own hybrid rice seed variety.

In the Philippines, among the developed hybrid rice variety are the Mestizo hybrid or PSB Rc 72H, which is now widely used in northeast Luzon.

The production of hybrid rice seed, though, requires meticulous care and management.

In the brochure of the packages of practices for hybrid rice seed production prepared by Gaspar and Mario Ramos, seed production coordinator, transplanting the male and female rice seedlings requires a pattern so that cross pollination will be effective.

Wind direction is also given emphasis in orienting the rows. Also considered in seed production is the isolation of the area from other farms.

Also crucial in seed production of hybrid rice is the synchronization of the flowering of the male and the female plants, supplementary pollination activity when wind velocity is not enough for cross pollination, and application of right chemical to enhance the growth rate of the tillers of the plant.

Highest yield so far in hybrid rice seed production was 1,165 kilos a hectare, obtained by a farmer in Alfonso Lista town in Ifugao.

Gaspar said prospective seed growers are trained on the package of technology for seed production. The seed producers are also given season-long training that allows them to experience the technology application and economics of seed production.

In Tabuk, Kalinga, for example, 75 farmers are engaged in hybrid rice seed production. They have banded themselves into a group called the "Kalinga Hybrid Rice Seed Growers."

In other provinces in northeast Luzon, many farmers engage in seed production. PhilRice helps these farmers for ideal results.

Gaspar said some 5,000 hectares of land are targeted to be the production area for hybrid rice seed to supply the needs of 125,000 hectares in Northeast Luzon.

He predicted that there would come a time that almost all farmers in northeast Luzon tilling a total of 553,456 hectares would go into commercial hybrid rice production.

He said other farmers in other parts of the country are adopting the use of hybrid rice variety.

Gaspar said these farmers would need hybrid rice seed every time they engage in commercial production and this would make seed production a big business enterprise.

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THE THREAD on the screws that hold a machine together and the currency codes that transcend language barriers such as the USD and the PhP, are just some of the practical means through which international standards figure in our daily lives.

According to ISO Online (www.iso.ch), "standards are recorded agreements containing technical specifications or other precise criteria to be used consistently as rules, guidelines, or definitions of characteristics, to ensure that materials, products, processes and services are fit for their purpose."

Renato Navarrete, managing director of Certification International Philippines Inc., one of the most well respected certifying bodies in the Philippines, tells us who constructs the standards with which products comply.

"The International Organization for Standardization (ISO, the term usually used by industry, is actually a term derived from the Greek word "isos" meaning equal) is a worldwide organization established in 1947 in Geneva. It develops standardization to simplify the exchange of goods and services and foster cooperation in venous strata of scientific, technological and economic activity."

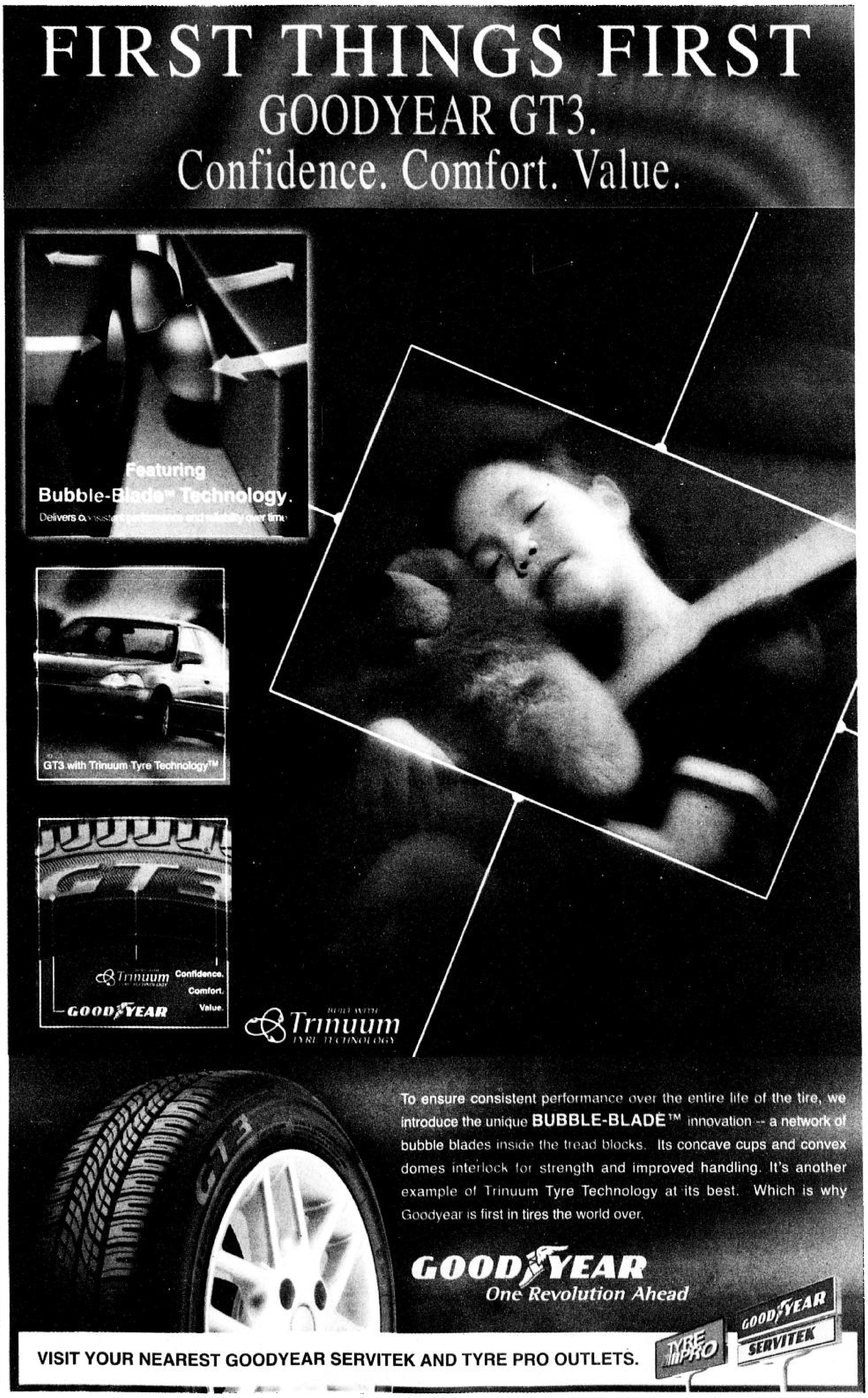
"ISO's work results in international agreements which are published as International Standards and—actually contributes to—making life simpler and increases the reliability and effectiveness of the goods and services we use," Navarrete adds.

A company gets ISO 9000-certified by first going through a strict audit of its quality management system. A certifying body like Certification International, which checks if the company's quality management system meets the requirements of published International Standards, does the audit.

The process does not end there, though, as every six months, the ISO-certified company goes through a surveillance audit, to make sure that the standards are maintained and upheld consistently.

Contrary to the usual misconception, an ISO Certification is not just a piece of paper that you hang on the wall. It actually says that a company adheres to its policies and procedures that comprise its quality management system, whose principal aim is to satisfy customers. "Essentially, this shows that the company cares about its customers, and is committed to delivering consistent quality service," Navarrete stresses.

One of the companies in the Philippines that are ISO 9000-Certified is Security International Card Corp. (SICC), issuer of Diners Club International credit cards in the Philippines.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CREDIT CARD FRAUD

If you have one, swipe it; just make sure it's not 'skimmed'

BY MARGIE QUIMPO-ESPINO

GOLD COAST, Australia—In January 2000, a teenager believed to be Russian, downloaded 300,000 credit card numbers from the Universe CD website and demanded $100,000 in ransom to "return" the numbers.

Just last April, the Federal Bureau of Investigation of the US announced that computer hackers stole over one million credit card numbers.

Western Union, meanwhile, was forced to shut down its website, after hackers stole 18,000 card numbers.

Incidents like these aggravate losses due to credit card fraud, which was already placed at $2.1 billion in 1999.

SOCCER legend congratulates Dan Ibarra of Smart Communications. The firm was a finalist for Best Television Advertising for its Smart Money MasterCard Electronic.

MASTERCARD International Asia/Pacific president Andre Sekulic hands Eugenio P. Mercado, AVP for Operations of the Bank of the Philippines Islands a trophy for the Best MasterCard Electronic Card Program during its Marketing Awards night in Gold Coast.

SMART bagged the Best Product Innovation award for its Smart Money. It bested entries submitted by MasterCard members from 13 countries. The awards were held during the card firm's annual meeting last June 6.

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"We will not win the war on fraud in the future," says Steve Robinsons, operations director of the International Payments Systems of SchlumbergerSema. "New technology allows new fraud techniques."

SchlumbergerSema is an information technical services company providing IT consulting, systems integration, managed services, products and network security solutions. It is one of two business groups of Schlumberger Ltd., a global technology services company.

The key, Robinsons says, is "to keep fraud at acceptable levels."

Robinsons spoke during the vendors forum at the recently concluded MasterCard Asia/Pacific annual meeting in this Australian tourist destination.

Credit card fraud spares no one and Robinsons points out that while less than 2 percent of the Internet users actually experience fraud, 58 percent of the users are concerned about card theft.

Types of fraud

There are four ways a credit card company can be scammed: application fraud, identity fraud, counterfeit fraud, and so-called "cards not present" fraud.

Application fraud occurs when the legitimate cards are obtained through false application. Identity card fraud occurs when someone other than the legitimate cardholder uses the card.

There is counterfeit fraud when cards illegally created while "cards not present" fraud occurs when there is a fraudulent use of cards.

A new way of committing fraud has emerged in the 1990s, called "skimming."

This is a process wherein the data from the magnetic stripe in the card is re-encoded and used in a new card. This scheme is particularly prevalent in Malaysia where syndicates manufacture gadgets—small, black electronic devices—used to skim credit cards.

Fraud in RP

MasterCard International (Philippines) vice president and country manager Jose Rene L. Villa-Real, who attended the MasterCard meeting here, says the incidence of credit card fraud in the Philippines remains low because Filipinos tend to be "more careful about their cards."

"We are more conscious of the charges and check our statements. And credit card usage is not yet as prevalent in the country," Villa-Real says.

There are about three million credit card holders in the Philippines, of which about 1.22 million are allied with MasterCard.

"Another reason why fraud is not so prevalent is because we do not have the facilities for people to go into full-scale fraud. You need high-tech equipment for this," he says.

He admitted though that there have been incidences of skimming in the country.

The cards are skimmed when a perpetrator goes to a merchant (a store) and presents himself as a representative of a bank who has to check the point of sale terminals (those gadgets where the cards are swiped).

The merchants usually give in to their request and a skimming device is placed inside.

MasterCard strives to protect its cardholders by installing a security seal on these machines to prevent tampering.

"We will be putting up signs for merchants and we are teaching them not to allow anyone to open the POS terminals," he says.

The more common type of credit card fraud in the Philippine is duplicate charges.

Under this, the cardholder unknowingly signs another charge slip and later on gets billed for a purchase he never made.

Villa-Real also says some fraudulent applications occur.

When fraud occurs, it is usually the banks that bear the cost of fraudulent charges.

War against fraud

Robinsons talked about two major ways to combat fraud at the point of sale stations.

One is called "magneprint," a technology developed by a firm called Mag-Tek.

The technology reads the "magnetic fingerprint" in the magnetic strip or magstripe found at the back of the cards. When doing a transaction, the Mag-Tek technology will show whether the magneprint is that of the real card or the skimmed one.

The technology will not require changes in the cards and is currently being pilot tested in Asia.

The other way to combat fraud is through the chip card.

"This is a valuable technology but expensive. It can store information securely and can perform cryptographic functions," he said.

"If the card is stolen, it cannot be used by a hacker because there is a PIN or code. The card cannot be skimmed because the data will not be in the strip.

The problem at present with the chip is its costs. But during the vendors forum, Keycorp announced it has come up with a $2.99 chip card, much lower than the current cost of around $5.

Robinsons acknowledges that it is difficult to pin down those who are responsible for credit card fraud.

He says there should be education programs, security training and better screening practices. The merchants, the banks, and the consumers must all be more conscious of security.

LOSING THE FAITH

Japan seeks its soul in rubble of economic miracle

TOKYO—Noriko Hagiwara loves her six-inch (15-centimeter) platform boots. She shops at pricey downtown boutiques named Egoist and Galsville. She tints her hair.

Time to play? She's got plenty. The 17-year-old hangs out in Shibuya district, where BMWs line the boulevards and kids drop hundreds of dollars for a pair of shoes.

Hagiwara seems as carefree as the Tokyo scene around her. She cocks her head to one side and flashes her eyes up to the sky when asked a question. Eager to talk, she pushes her friends aside to take center stage.

Then she tells you her troubles.

Her workaholic father is never home. She talks of friends turning to prostitution for money to buy luxury handbags. Kids caught three times coming to school with tinted hair face expulsion. Hagiwara has already been caught at least once.

When asked about her dream for the future, she answers not with hopes for riches or a career. She wants something simple that will give her life meaning.

"I imagine myself strolling with my husband in old age, holding hands," she says thoughtfully. "That's the kind of family I want—a warm family."

If Hagiwara looks at life in modern Japan and sees emptiness, she's not alone—the whole country seems locked in a choking malaise. Society is making a bit of room for people who won't play by the old rules anymore, but the change is coming slowly and grudgingly.

Nothing typifies Japan's predicament more than the economy, trapped in recession for more than a decade.

A short train ride from where Hagiwara hangs out with her friends, a towering stone building houses a stock market where prices plummeted this year to 16-year lows. Unemployment, at 4.8 percent, is near postwar highs. Topflight companies have gone bankrupt. An American runs Mazda. A Frenchman runs Nissan.

Populist Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi swept into office in April, soundly defeating the ruling party's old guard with promises of a top-to-bottom overhaul of the way Japan does business.

But to reach those goals, all he can promise is pain—higher unemployment, more belt-tightening.

The roots of today's problems run much deeper than the economy.

For more than a century, from feudal 19th century backwater through the catastrophe of World War II to becoming a pacifist economic juggernaut, the Japanese borrowed everything they could from the West. Kimonos gave way to tuxedos, tuxedos to blue jeans; rice and miso soup to coffee and Big Macs; Noh theater to Hollywood.

For 50 years, the payoff was prosperity, the promise of more riches tomorrow.

Yet suicides are at an all-time high - 33,048 Japanese killed themselves in 1999, a 35 percent increase over two years. Reports of rising child abuse fill the newspapers. Merciless bullying and out-of-control classrooms are ripping at Japan's once-proud educational system.

Housebound mothers and fathers working 18-hour days don't make for happy families. And Japan's aging society—17.7 percent is 65 or older, compared with 12.6 percent in the United States—is driving health insurance and pension systems to the brink of failure.

Ordinary Japanese find themselves trapped between an unresponsive establishment and a restive society.

Students are becoming more individualistic, but schools are unbendingly conformist. Women are growing more ambitious, but boardrooms remain a male preserve. Young business people increasingly want to innovate, but conservative banks are reluctant to lend to them.

Despite Koizumi's coup against the ruling Liberal Democratic Party's entrenched elite, deep political change is still largely blocked by an electoral system that favors the rural base of the conservatives. The supremacy of unelected bureaucrats insulates the real sources of power from public opinion.

A lack of lawyers and a secretive legal system mean people rarely turn to courts to challenge authority. Vested interests have thwarted moves to improve everything from air quality to the availability of heart transplants.

Hagiwara reflects the conflicted Japanese mind. She complains about her strict high school, argues for more freedom, yet suspects the old ways might be best.

"Our way of thinking is very carefree," she says. "But maybe our parents' generation did things the right way."

For all the economic weakness it radiates to the outside world, it's conceivable that Japan, insulated from real pain by flush savings accounts and global financial clout, could limp on for years. It remains the world's second-largest economy, its gross national product greater than that of the rest of Asia combined, China included.

This huge cushion that could see it through the worst of crises.

Amid all the recession and downsizing, the average Japanese household still has more than $110,000 in savings, and the average salaried worker makes more than $40,000 a year. The wealth is on show for any visitor taking the highway from Tokyo's international airport into the city, as terraced rice fields yield to skyscrapers and crisscrossing expressways.

Prosperity is evident in the cars, shopwindows and cafes with their $5 cups of coffee, and automation still holds the nation in thrall, from the talking parking meters to the fake birdsong in hotel lobbies.

The gadgetry is matched by the industriousness and attention to detail. Guards chant "Good Morning" ("Ohayo Gozaimasu!") for hours at a time to visitors streaming into their buildings. Deliverymen here don't walk—they sprint.

Nowadays it's a little easier to be a rule-breaker like Kanae Tsutsumi. In a country where men are supposed to run the company and head the household, Tsutsumi is a divorced mother and chief executive of Career-Mam, an Internet-based marketing research and employment agency aimed at housewives and working women.

"I didn't want to be just one of many," she says during a polite but rapid-fire conversation in her kitchen, in an apartment above her office.

At 36, Tsutsumi is on the cusp of Japan's changes. Nuclear families have replaced extended clans. The high cost of raising and educating children and greater career ambitions of women have pushed the national birthrate to an all-time low—only 1.34 births per woman. Unhappy couples are now more likely to file for divorce: 250,500 couples broke up in 1999—nearly 100,000 more than in 1990.

The challenges for women like Tsutsumi are many. She has shared her tiny apartment with her 7-year-old son since splitting with her husband last year. After elementary school lets out, the boy goes to day care until his mother gets away from work. She and others like her must put up with widespread criticism that they have sacrificed society's well being for their own "selfish" desires.

"For a woman to realize her dreams, she has to fight as if she were fighting for her life," Tsutsumi says.

Still, for all its rules and workaholism, Japan can be a comforting place. You can still daydream on the subway without worrying about pickpockets. Even fast-food lunches are tastefully packaged. And there's a calming, contemplative effect in traditions like the centuries-old rite of flocking to parks to view cherry blossoms in springtime.

The polar opposite, in modern Japan, is a place like Sanya.

The neighborhood in northeast Tokyo is the abyss, filled with those who have fallen about as far as there is to go.

In this darkest side of the souring of the Japanese miracle live the jobless, the homeless, the alcoholics, the mentally ill. Men huddle around small bonfires on cold mornings, some already drinking sake or beer, others warming themselves before applying at a local employment agency for a day's work.

The slum has been around for decades, long an anonymous place for the disadvantaged to drop out of society. The word "Sanya" can draw blank looks even from lifelong Tokyoites. Built around feudal execution grounds and split among three wards, Sanya does not even legally exist.

The freshest arrivals tell of the grinding pressures of today's Japan, and how the country, which has long expected families to take care of their own, can't cope with those who fall through the cracks.

Okawa, too ashamed to give his full name, came here to disappear last year after suffering a nervous breakdown and nearly running his car repair shop in northern Japan into bankruptcy.

Smiling to reveal missing teeth, he keeps the neatest shack along the river. A park bench is his bed; he spends the morning sweeping his portion of the promenade and carefully watering the flowers hung on outside walls of his hardscrabble home.

"I just needed a place to calm down," says Okawa. "I used to have a cell phone and it was always ringing—I used to get 40 calls a day."

He's relieved to have escaped his troubles for a while, but he's also filled with regret—and plans to scrape his way back to respectability and a second chance.

"I just wasted all my money," he says, shaking his head. "Now I'm here, saving up."

Sanya is still an exception, by comparison with many Western metropolises. The norm is better represented by Yoshihiko and Tomoko Tamagawa, a middle-class couple enjoying spring with a picnic by a river on the edge of Tokyo.

They aren't rich but they are comfortable: their clothes are new; their cell phones have Internet access; they shop at the Gap.

But they too sense that the promise of a better tomorrow may be slipping away.

Yoshihiko, 32, is crossing his fingers that the printing machine factory he works at can escape the downsizing ravaging other companies. Tomoko, 33, frets about the threats of crime and pollution to their two preschoolers.

They agree that greater freedom at home and at work can mean a better life. But they are also worried that change means uncertainty.

"People all have different values—it's very unstable," Tamagawa says. "In the old days, fathers passed on their values to their children.

"But now," he says, as his 2-year-old boy and 4-year-old girl scampered about, "kids are more out in society, they live in luxury. Even the way they play is different."

Many point to something deeper - a loss of soul, the ebbing of a cooperative spirit that once defined the nation.

That intangible loss comes up often in conversation: Japanese worked harder in the past—now they lack direction; preoccupation with wealth and status has eaten away at human decency; community has given way to selfishness.

Every society in times of change looks back to a simpler age. In Japan, the search for a higher purpose leads some to nationalism.

A recent movie depicting wartime Prime Minister Hideki Tojo as a kindly family man was a box-office hit. Revisionist scholars are promoting textbooks that gloss over Japan's wartime atrocities. Parliament in 1999 made the Rising Sun flag and an ode to the emperor national symbols, despite their association with past militarism.

None of this presages an imminent shift to militarism. Memories of wartime devastation is still at the core of the country's identity.

But even 59-year-old Koizumi has mixed his reformist message with an appeal to nationalist sentiment. He has suggested changing the US—written constitution to give the country's military a greater international role, and has pledged to be the first prime minister since 1985 to visit a shrine for Japan's war dead, including convicted war criminals, on the anniversary of the country's World War II surrender, Aug. 15. *AP*

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REINSURANCE MANAGER

will be responsible for the administration of all aspects of the reinsurance operations of the Company specifically in production, underwriting, accounting and collection of reinsurance business. He must possess at least ten (10) years experience in non-life insurance specifically in reinsurance underwriting.

MARKETING MANAGER (AGENCY AND BROKERS)

will assist the Head of Marketing in the overall operations of the Agency and Brokers Section. He will be directly responsible in soliciting new business from agents, general agents and brokers and recruitment of new agents to represent the Company. He will also be in-charge of the business conservation in all lines of insurance of the Company. He must have at least ten (10) years experience in marketing non-life insurance.

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Will handle the analysis of small to medium type of risks, computation of premium, underwriting distribution and accurate issuance of policies. He must have at least five (5) years experience in non-life insurance company particularly in the line of property underwriting.

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INVITATION TO BID

The Department of Education, Culture and Sports (DECS) through the National Educational Testing and Research Center (NETRC) is inviting all interested parties for the Printing of Scannable Answer Sheets/Certificates of Rating/Non Classified Materials and Computerization for the Year 2001-2002 NEAT, NSAT, PEPT AND ALPES Projects.

All interested parties must submit a Letter of Intent before obtaining bid documents starting June 15 to 25, 2001 at the BAC Secretariat Office, Rm 112 A. Mabini Bldg., ULTRA Complex, Pasig City.

A pre-bid conference will be held on June 25, 2001, 2:00 PM at Bulwagan ng Karunungan, Rizal Bldg. I, ULTRA Complex, Pasig City. The submission and opening of bids will be on July 3, 2001 at the same time and place mentioned above.

DECS-BAC reserves the right to reject any or all bids to waive deficiencies embodied therein without assuming any obligation whatsoever to offset expenses or losses the bidder may incur in the preparation of the bids.

(Sgd.) **ERNESTO S. PANGAN**
Undersecretary
Chairman, DECS-BAC

(PDI--June 17, 18, & 19, 2001)

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BIDS & AWARDS COMMITTEE

INVITATION TO BID
17 June 2001

The San Lazaro Hospital hereby invites sealed written bids for the procurement and delivery of various hospital supplies and materials for Second Semester CY, 2001.

Only responsible and duly accredited suppliers and/or exclusive distributors as certified by the Supplier Accreditation Committee of the Department of Health (DOH) are qualified to participate.

Bidding documents can be secured at the Secretariat, SLH BAC, Office of the Administrative Officer V, Second Floor, Administration Building, SLH, Sta. Cruz, Manila, upon presentation of the following:

1. Authenticated DOH Suppliers Accreditation Certificate with the certified list of accredited products;
2. Authenticated Certificate of Product Registration;
3. Authenticated copy of License to Operate.

And upon presentation of a non-refundable fee of TWO THOUSAND PESOS (P2,000.00) only.

Particulars	Issuance of Bid Documents	Pre-bid Conference	Submission of Bids	Opening of Bids
1. Various Drugs/ Medicines	June 27-July 6, 2001	July 2, 2001 2:00 p.m.	July 11, 2001 10:00 a.m.	July 11, 2001 10:00 a.m.
2. Various Laboratory Supplies	July 2-6, 2001	July 3, 2001 10:00 a.m.	July 11, 2001 2:00 p.m.	July 11, 2001 2:00 p.m.
3. Various Medical Supplies	July 2-6, 2001	July 3, 2001 2:00 p.m.	July 12, 2001 9:00 a.m.	July 12, 2001 9:00 a.m.
4. Various Dietary Foodstuff	July 2-6, 2001	July 4, 2001 10:00 a.m.	July 12, 2001 2:00 p.m.	July 12, 2001 2:00 p.m.
5. Various Radiology Supplies	July 2-6, 2001	July 4, 2001 2:00 p.m.	July 13, 2001 9:00 a.m.	July 13, 2001 9:00 a.m.
6. Various Dental Supplies	July 2-6, 2001	July 4, 2001 3:00 p.m.	July 13, 2001 10:00 a.m.	July 13, 2001 10:00 a.m.
7. Various Maintenance Supplies	July 2-6, 2001	July 5, 2001 10:00 a.m.	July 13, 2001 2:00 p.m.	July 13, 2001 2:00 p.m.
8. Various Office and Janitorial Supplies	July 2-6, 2001	July 5, 2001 2:00 p.m.	July 13, 2001 3:00 p.m.	July 13, 2001 3:00 p.m.

All activities shall be held at the SLH Amphitheater, SLH Sta. Cruz, Manila unless announced otherwise.

Each bid must be accompanied by a Bid Security of not less than two and a half percent (2.5%) of the total amount of bid. The Security maybe in the form of the following: (a) Manager's Check, (b) Certified Cashier's Check, (c) GSIS Bidders Bond, (d) Irrevocable Letter of Credit issued by Reputable Bank, (e) Bank Guarantee on Bank Draft issued by Reputable Bank.

For further details, please contact the Secretariat, SLH BAC at telephone nos. 309-9552 or 711-6966 (telefax).

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(Sgd.) **ELEONORITA E. REYES**
Chairperson, SLH BAC

Noted by:

(Sgd.) **BENITO F. ARCA, MD, MPH**
Medical Center Chief II

(PDI – June 17 & 24, 2001)

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FOURTH (4th) INVITATION TO PRE-QUALIFY AND TO BID FOR CONTRACT PACKAGE NOS. 12 & 12-A (GROUP 1 & 2): SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF CHAIRS

All corporations registered with the Philippine Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), with extensive experience in the supply and delivery of chairs for office buildings, are invited to apply for pre-qualification, and bidding for Contract Package Nos. 12 &12-A: Supply and Delivery of Chairs (around 1,500 pieces) for the new LBP Headquarters Building in Malate, Manila with the following schedule:

Issuance of Pre-Qualification Form	Pre-Qualification Conference	Issuance of Notices of Pre-qualification/ Pre-disqualification after	Dates of Issuance of Notices of Pre-qualification/ Pre-disqualification	Issuance of Bid Documents	Pre-Bid Conference	Bidding Date
June 18 to 22, 2001 @ 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM	June 26, 2001 @ 10:00 AM	a. Evaluation of Pre-qualification Documents and Brochures	July 13, 2001	August 7, 2001 @ 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM	August 10, 2001 @ 10:00 AM	August 17, 2001 @ 10:00 AM
		b. Evaluation of Displays versus Brochures	July 27, 2001			
		c. Selection of top choices from the displays by Sub-Committee and Special Committee	August 6, 2001			

All interested Suppliers may obtain the Pre-qualification forms from the LBP Ad Hoc Group Office, c/o Project Management and Engineering Department (PMED), 2F LBP Building III, 315 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City, upon payment of a non-refundable processing fee of P1,400.00 for the new suppliers (those who did not secure the pre-qualification documents during the first, second and third invitations), and P700.00 for those who have secured/submitted pre-qualification documents during the first, second and third invitations. Only those suppliers who secured the pre-qualification documents shall be eligible to participate in the pre-qualification process.

After the pre-qualification conference, Suppliers shall be given three (3) calendar-days to signify in writing their interest to join the pre-qualification process by accomplishing the proforma Letter of Intent (LOI) included in the pre-qualification forms issued earlier. Attendance to the pre-qualification conference is among the requirements for pre-qualification.

Duly accomplished Pre-qualification Forms shall be submitted to and received all the above-stated office not later than July 3, 2001, 3:00 PM, after which no documents will be accepted. All participating suppliers shall be notified in writing of the results of the pre-qualification.

Only pre-qualified suppliers may secure Bid Documents at the above-stated office/date upon payment of a non-refundable fee of P5,000.00.

Pre-Qualification and Pre-Bid Conferences will be held on the above-stated date and time at the FMGSG Conference Room, 2F, LBP Building III, 315 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City.

Bidding shall be conducted using the two (2) envelope system (envelopes "A" and "B") to be submitted to and received not later than 10:00 AM on August 17, 2001 (the Bidding Date). Bidding shall be held at the FMGSG Conference Room, 2F, LBP Building III, 315 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City.

LBP reserves the right to change the date of issuance of bid documents, pre-bid conference and bidding date. Due notice of changes shall however be communicated by LBP to pre-qualified bidders.

LBP likewise reserves the right to reject any or all bids, waive any defect or formality, assume no obligation whatsoever to compensate or indemnify the bidders for any expense/loss that they may incur during the preparation of their bids, and to accept the bid that is most advantageous to the Bank.

(Sgd.) **GILDA E. PICO**
Chairman,
Sub-Committee for LBP HQ Building Project

(PDI – June 16, 17 & 18, 2001)

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION & COMMUNICATIONS
LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE
East Avenue, Quezon City

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. EMA-MC-01337
22 May 2001

TO : **All Regional Directors, Assistant Regional Directors, Transportation District Officers and Employees Concerned**

SUBJECT : **MOTOR VEHICLE CLEARANCE**

In the best interest of the service and in order to minimize if not eradicate the registration of carnapped vehicles, you are hereby directed to require the submission of the Macro-etching examination Certificate in addition to the Motor Vehicle Clearance prior to registration of the following types of application of a motor vehicle:

1. Change engine
2. Change chassis
3. Change color
4. Rebuilt
5. Transfer of ownership
6. New Motor Vehicles

Any person found violating this order shall be charged administratively.

All orders/memoranda in conflict herewith are deemed superseded. This order takes effect fifteen (15) days after its publication.

(Sgd.) **Edgardo M. Abenina**
B/Gen. AFP (Ret.)
Assistant Secretary

(PDI--June 17, 2001)

Republic of the Philippines
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT
Intramuros, Manila

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

The Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) invites interested bidders to participate in the bidding for the supply and delivery of the following IT equipment:

6 units	-	**Compaq Proliant ML530 Server (PN#161156-xxl)**
15 units	-	**Compaq Deskpro EN Convertible Minitower**
12 units	-	**Compaq Deskpro EN Slim Desk**
1 unit	-	**DCR - VX 2000 Mini-DV VideoCam**

Interested bidders may secure application for eligibility forms and the checklist of eligibility documents from the Property Division, Administrative Service, 2nd Floor, DOLE Bldg., Intramuros, Manila. Application for eligibility together with the eligibility documents shall be received by the Bids and Awards Committee (BAC) Eligibility Screening Secretariat, Cash Division (CD) at the above-mentioned address until **June 29, 2001**. Only eligible bidders shall be invited to attend the pre-bid conference on **July 06, 2001 at 2:00 p.m.** at the Administrative Service Conference Room, 2nd Floor, DOLE Bldg., Intramuros, Manila. Attendance during the pre-bid conference is a must and an absent bidder shall be deemed to have waived his right to participate in the bidding.

The approved budget for the items to be bid is **TWELVE MILLION EIGHT HUNDRED FOURTEEN THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED THIRTY-FIVE AND 40/100 PESOS** (Php 12,814,635.40)

The **PUBLIC BIDDING** is on **July 13, 2001** at the same scheduled time and venue.

Interested bidders are requested to present personally or through their authorized representatives their proposals on the date of the bidding. The Department of Labor and Employment reserves the right to reject any or all bids, without offering any reason, waive any informality therein and make an award to the bidder whose bid is most advantageous to the Department. The DOLE assumes no obligation for whatever losses that may be incurred by the bidders in the preparation of bids, nor does it guarantee that an award will be made.

For further inquiries/information please call telephone numbers 527-3480 and 527-3583.

(Sgd.) **ALEX E. MARAAN**
Officer-in-Charge
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Internal Affairs

(PDI - June 16 & 17, 2001)

Ex-stewardess flies high with handcrafted soap

By Tina Arceo-Dumlao

ONE of the perks of being an international flight attendant is that you get to see the world. It was during one of these trips in 1996, this time to Los Angeles, that Otty Lacorte saw a large display of handcrafted soap.

It was love at first sight. Right then and there she knew that soap making was for her.

Otty pursued her passion with a vengeance. She collected books on soap-making from the US, and when she got back she enrolled in different classes, until finally she put her theories into practice.

"I relied on the books at the start. It was a series of experiments. I remember that I had many mistakes along the way, I even made soap that was too hard you can throw it against the wall. There were also some that smelled too strong, or came out too soft," Otty says.

But practice makes perfect and soon she started making soap as her gifts for friends during Christmas and special occasions. It helped that she was always interested in crafts and loved working with her hands.

"I just used a hand mixer and I would give away soap. My friends liked it and orders started coming in through word of mouth from people who were able to try my soap," she explains.

She never thought she could make a business out of her hobby since it was just something she liked to do. The business, however, eventually chose her especially when she realized that she cannot be a flight attendant forever.

"I was a flight attendant with PAL from 1993 to 1994 then I went back from 1995 to 1998. I guess it was fortunate in the end that PAL had some problems so I had to rely on the business," Otty says.

From her initial hand mixer and experiments, Otty eventually got an expert to help her with the formulations. She, however, stuck to her formula of being generous with the ingredients to provide customers even more than what they paid for.

A FORMER flight attendant gets tired of the troubles her airline gets into and falls back to her hobby of making soap to sustain her.

"I decided to use pure vegetable oil for the soap because these are organic and are better on the skin than other ingredients. I am very strict when it comes to the quality of the products," Otty explains.

Her first products under her brand Sta. Monica (named after her parent's place in Novaliches where she manufactures the soap) were the white chocolate, mint experience and jojoba flaxseed handcrafted soaps.

The white chocolate was an instant hit because of its chocolate scent and the creamy feeling because of the generous amounts of cocoa butter. Mint, on the other hand, has bits of real mint leaves while the jojoba flaxseed with actual seeds can be used as a scrub while retaining moisture.

Through the years she expanded her line to include Honey Oatmeal, Cucumber delight, banana bar, carrot care, guava bar and tomato surprise.

"These soaps are carefully prepared and the ingredients are handpicked. I pay attention to every nutrient, grain and mineral used in the soaps so the customers can be assured of a unique skin care product," she stresses.

Sta. Monica soaps are priced between P35 and P55 including the packaging made of handmade paper and corrugated board.

"I don't want my soap to just cater to the high end market. I believe in introducing the product to most Filipinos who want to try a different kind of soap, not just those that they find in most supermarkets," Otty stresses.

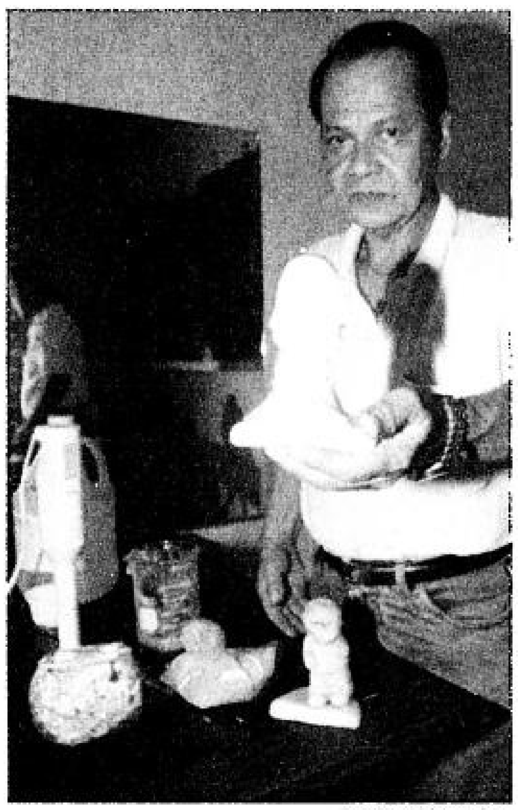
Otty points out that organic and handcrafted soaps are very popular in developed countries like the United States and those in Europe, but the trend is yet to catch on in a big way here.

"I hope that by making soaps like these affordable, more Filipinos will be able to enjoy the benefits of these soap where the quality of the product is never compromised," she says.

She adds that attention to quality is also one reason why she decided not to bring her products to large department stores or supermarket chains, at least, not yet.

"I am doing direct marketing now because the business is very personal to me. I want to know what customers think about the product and they, in turn, can talk to me directly about anything. I will do this in the meantime, maybe I will go commercial later," Otty says.

(For more information, please call 418-7007.)



RANDY HORMILLOSA

ENTREPRENEURS can easily learn soapmaking and ride on the growing market for handcrafted and decorative soap.

Have ₱10,000? Set up a soap-making venture

BUDDING entrepreneurs who are looking for a quick and easy livelihood project can consider making decorative soap. This craft can be learned in one day and it does not require complicated machinery.

Rafael Ibarra, resource speaker for soap making at the Negoskwela Livelihood and Resource Center, tells the INQUIRER that it is also an attractive cottage industry prospect since entrepreneurs need a small capital of only P5,000 to P10,000.

How To

This will go to the purchase of basic materials such as coconut oil, lye solution, colorants, additives like essential oils and bits of fruits and herbs and finally the molds.

"For those who are just starting, they can initially use molds made of plaster of Paris which is very cheap. They can move later to using silicon molds which are a little bit more expensive but can be formed into more intricate shapes," Ibarra explains.

Decorative or handcrafted soaps are commonly made using either the cold or hot process method.

Cold and hot process

In the cold process method, soaps are made by simply mixing oils and an alkali solution at a low temperature and then letting them air dry or cure for some time before these can be used.

With the hot process, on the other hand, the mixture is further heated, usually over the stove, and the soap can be immediately used once it cools without the need for air drying.

Commercial soaps available in the market, on the other hand, use equipment that are designed to produce soap in large numbers. The process used combines high temperature and high pressure to accelerate the soap making process, thus, producing more soap at the least amount of time.

He says a 100-gram decorative soap requires a capital of less than P10. This already includes labor cost. The soap, in turn, can be sold for about P30 depending on the intricacy of the designs.

"You can learn how to do it in a day. It is a simple mixing process that can be finished in about five hours. All you need is to be artistic and knowledgeable about the basics of soap making," he says.

It is timely to go into soap making as consumers now want more than just an ordinary bar of soap. Rising public demand for products containing renewable and vegetable based oils and fats has also led to the increased production of organic and handcrafted soap.

Ibarra also notes the endless variety of soap that a soap maker can produce. The additives and scents that can be included are almost limitless because the basic soap solution composed of the oil and lye solution easily absorbs additives.

Some of the additives include cocoa butter, cinnamon powder, peppermint, citronella, oatmeal, eucalyptus, lemon, jasmine and lavender. ***Tina Arceo-Dumlao***

(For more information, please call Negoskwela at 924-5111.)

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MA. ASUNCION (CHONA) REYES LAUREL

of Boac, Marinduque and San Juan, Metro Manila

peacefully joined her Creator on June 12, 2001 at the age of 37
in Berkeley, California, USA.

Her loving parents **Bobby Sosa Laurel** and **Dra. Peggy Reyes Laurel**; brothers and sisters **Robert** and **Reggie Hernandez Laurel, Rafael Jr., Dr. Edgardo** and **Dra. Nenette Perez Laurel, Victoria** and **Calvin Fong**, and **Andrew**; uncles, aunts, nephews, nieces, grandnephew, grandnieces, other relatives and friends request for prayers for the eternal repose of her soul.

Her remains will arrive on Sunday evening and will lie in state for one day at the Santuario de San Jose, Greenhills, San Juan, Metro Manila and will be brought to Boac, Marinduque on Tuesday early morning and will lie in state at the family residence.

Interment will be on Thursday, June 21, 2001 at the Boac Catholic Cemetery after the 8:00 a.m. Requiem Mass at the Immaculate Conception Cathedral.

Anthony Constantine Tamparong Borja

July 7, 1976 - June 14, 2001

***Anton** peacefully joined his Creator*
at the age of 24.

His loving Daddy & Mommy, **Jojo & Ronee**
His loving sister, **Monica**
His grandmother, **Alice Lluch Andrada,**
Aunts & Uncles, Anne Marie & Leo Cruz,
Ernie Tamparong, Rene & Erla Tan, Tina & Andy Heiter, Rody Borja, Tony Tria, Edna, Patricia, Marilou & John Brain
Cousins, relatives and friends request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His body will lie in state at the family residence in Manggas, Del Carmen, Iligan City.

Mass and interment will be announced later.

"We will all miss him, and the memories of his great love will forever remain in our hearts."

"For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neigther heights nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 8:38-39

Angelita V. Villaroman-Masalonga

of San Ildefonso, Bulacan; Paco, Manila;
and Las Piñas City.

Died in the Grace of our Lord on June 14, 2001
at the age of 73.

His bereaved husband **Ruben, Sr.**; children **Laurel, Ramon, Ruben, Jr., Vanessa; Danilo; Benjamin, Roberto, Astrid, Tricia**; sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, grandchildren, relatives and friends mourn her passing and wish her eternal rest.

Her remains lie in state at the Holy Trinity Memorial Chapels, Fr. G. Willmann S.J. Suite, Sucat Road, Parañaque City.

Interment will be at the Manila Memorial Park, Parañaque City. Date and time to be announced.

"Eternal life will swallow up that which can die. God made us for this very reason and He has given us the Spirit as a guarantee that we will live again."
2 Cor. 5:4-5

Whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life.
John 3:10

ESTELA RAYMUNDO LEGASPI

Peacefully joined her Creator
on June 15, 2001 at the age of 74.

Her loving children **GERRY & MYRNA, FRIEDA, TINA, CARISSA & LITO, MARCOS, JIMMY & ANNA**; grandchildren **MICHAEL, BIEN-PAUL, CHESCA, JOHN & JAMES**; sisters-in-law, brother-in-law, nephews, nieces, relatives and friends request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of her soul.

Her remains lie in state at Arlington East, C. Raymundo St. cor. Mercedes Avenue, San Miguel, Pasig City.

Interment will be on Wednesday, June 20, 2001 at Pasig Catholic Cemetery after the 2:00 p.m. Mass at Arlington East.

Message of Thanks

We, the family of the late

PAT T. ZAPATA

April 18, 1923 – June 1, 2001

sincerely convey our heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to all those who offered prayers and Masses, sent flowers, visited and kept vigil, attended the funeral rites and condoled with us in our time of bereavement.

KWN. NESTOR "Doc Totoy" B. VELAZCO

Member, Kiwanis Club of Silang

Peacefully joined our Creator on June 11, 2001 at the age of 71.

He is survived by his loving wife **Flor**; children **Joey** and **Myla**; daughter-in-law, son-in-law; brother **Honesto** (†) and **Cely**; sisters **Milagros, Sis. Lourdes, ICM** and **Zenaida** and **Rustico Carada**; grandchildren **Vanessa, John Paul, Kirby, Nicole, Codie, Alyssa, Jhamine Mae** and **Abu**, and other relatives.

His body lies in state at his residence at 85 J.P. Rizal St., Sabutan, Silang, Cavite.

Interment will be on Tuesday, June 19, 2001 at Himlayang Paraiso ng Silang, Silang, Cavite after the 2:00 p.m. Mass at Nuestra Sra. del Candelaria Parish Church, Silang, Cavite.

LETICIA "INAY" MARCOS LABADAN

(October 26, 1914 - June 15, 2001)
of College, Laguna and Aliaga, Nueva Ecija

Peacefully joined her Creator
*and her husband **Alfredo** at the age of 86.*

Her children **Renato, Mario, Anita, Danilo, Daisy** and **Eloisa**; and her grandchildren, and great grandchildren, family and friends request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of her soul.

Her remains lie in state at the St. Therese of the Child Jesus Parish, U.P. Los Baños, Laguna.

Interment will be on June 20, 2001, Wednesday, at the Los Baños Cemetery, after the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

"My soul finds rest to God alone; from Him comes my salvation."
Psalms 62:1

FAUSTO VILLAR CAMBALING, SR.

of Camaligan, Camarines Sur and Libon, Albay

Peacefully joined our Lord on June 10, 2001 at the age of 95.

His loving wife **GLICERIA**; children **NILDA, EVELINA, JESUSA, FR. INNO, MEMZ** and **SENIONG, ELENO** and **EVA, SALVE, FAUSTO, JR.** and **AURELLA**, and **MA. IREEN**; together with grandchildren; sister **BINDING**; relatives and friends request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at San Francisco Street, Libon, Albay.

Interment will be on Monday, June 18, 2001 at Libon Catholic Cemetery.

"I am the way the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."
John 14:6

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life."
John 3:16

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NOTICE OF HEARING

Applicant, authorized operator of the waterworks system within Fr. Horacio dela Costa II, Novaliches, Caloocan City, requests for the renewal / extension of its Certificate of Public Convenience.

This application will be heard by the Board on **July 05, 2001 at 9:30 in the morning at the NWRB-WUD Conference Room, 8th Floor, NIA Building, EDSA Quezon City** at which time applicant shall present its evidence.

At least fifteen (15) days prior to the above date, Applicant shall publish this notice once in one (1) daily newspaper of general circulation in **Manila**, and serve by personal delivery or registered mail copy of the application and this notice to all affected parties appearing on page 2 hereof.

Parties opposed to the granting of the application must file their written opposition supported by documentary evidence on or before the above date, furnishing copy of the same to the Applicant.

Failure on the part of any person affected to file his opposition on time and to appear at the hearing will be construed as a waiver of his right to be heard and the Board will proceed to hear and decide the application based on the evidences submitted.

Witness the Honorable Chairman of the National Water Resources Board this 23rd day of May 2001.

(Sgd.) **HECTOR A. DAYRIT**
Executive Director

(PDI – June 17, 2001)

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INVITATION TO BID

The Development Bank of the Philippines will receive sealed bids on 22 June 2001 at 10:30 a.m. at the DBP Cabanatuan Branch, Cabanatuan City for the following properties on CASH BASIS:

LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	MINIMUM BID
Dama de Noche St. Tres Hermana Subd., (Phase-2), Antipolo, Rizal	183 sq.m., residential land (TCT No. T-385815) with one-storey building and fence enclosure.	P 1,173,900.00
Kalikid Sur, Cabanatuan City	18,630 sq.m. agri/residential land (TCT No. T-88497) with bungalow type residence, one storey store/ bodega building and fence.	P2,119,400.00

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For inquiries, please call telephone numbers: 818-95-11 loc. 1401
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SM RENATO G. BERNARDO

(PDI – June 17 & 18 2001)

LAND BANK OF THE PHILIPPINES
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Tel. Nos. 888-2068; 700-4097

INVITATION TO BID

The Land Bank of the Philippines invites sealed bids of interested bidders for the purchase on cash basis of the property listed below. Sealed bids will be submitted at the Bidding Room, 2nd Floor, Land Bank of the Philippines, La Union Lending Center, San Fernando, La Union not later than June 28, 2001 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning at which place, date and time said proposals will be opened in the presence of attending bidders.

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION	MINIMUM BID
A parcel of residential/commercial lot with an area of 17,979 square meters situated in Brgy. Angio, San Fabian, Pangasinan registered under the name of LANDBANK under TCT No. 252715 *Existing Improvements* Ricemill building - about 152 square meters, built in 1996 Concrete pavement - about 400 square meters, built in 1996	P 2,316,600.00

The above property is available for inspection in Brgy Angio, San Fabian, Pangasinan through Ms. Elizabeth DV. Calica of LANDBANK-La Union Lending Center, San Fernando, La Union.

If for any reason the above-mentioned date is declared a non-working holiday, the public bidding shall be held on the next working day at the same time and place aforementioned.

Application to participate in the Public Bidding and General Conditions on the Conduct of Public Bidding may be obtained from LANDBANK-La Union Lending Center, San Fernando, La Union. Prospective bidders are enjoined to inspect the above-listed property before entering their bids. The sale of the property shall be "AS-IS-WHERE-IS" basis.

LAND BANK RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY OR ALL BIDS, TO WAIVE ANY FORMALITY THEREIN AND TO ACCEPT THE BID MOST ADVANTAGEOUS TO THE BANK. THE DECISION OF THE LBP SHALL BE FINAL AND BINDING.

ELIZABETH DV. CALICA
Chairman
Committee on Bids and Awards and Disposal of Bank Properties

ERRATUM

In the ad of Philippine Institute of Certified Public Accountants, published in this paper June 4, 2001 Re: Notice to CPA's the first paragraph should have read:

Due to persistent requests by many of our colleagues to extend the amnesty program on PICPA membership, the National Board of Directors has approved June 1 to August 31, 2001 as another amnesty period.

Our apologies

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INVITATION TO BID

Sealed propasals together with 10% bid bond for the purchase on CASH BASIS of the Bank properties listed below will be received at the **LBP Multi-Purpose Hall, Wings A & B, Bldg. I** not later than June 28, 2001 @ 2:00 p.m. at which place, date & time, said proposals will be opened in the presence of attending bidders.

In case of closely **clustered top bids** (defined as having the second highest bid which is not below 90% of the highest bid), the opening of the sealed bids will be immediately followed by an open auction in which all bidders whose bids are not below 80% of the highest bid may participate. **The minimum increase in the open bidding should not lower than P1,000.**

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	MINIMUM BID
1) 1996 d/ g/ pearl "Nissan" Patrol Wagon diesel-fed 4x4 with Plate No. UJF-980	LBP Warehouse, Escala St., Barrio Mambugan, Antipolo City	P 650,000
2) 1997 h. blue silver "Mitsubishi" L300 VVan, Diesel-fed with Plate No. WAZ-508		280,000
3) 1997 apollo silver "Mitsubishi" L300 Vvan, diesel fed with Plate No. DRR-706		280,000
4) 1997 gray "Mitsubishi" Lancer, GL M/T 1.5 4 door sedan with Plate No. UPZ-387		250,000
5) 1996 green "Nissan" Sentra 4 door sedan 1.4 with Plate No. UDN-654		180,000
6) 1997 L gold "Nissan" Sentra b 14 1.6 M/T with Plate No. UTW-409		130,000
7) Two (2) contiguous parcels of land - 300. sq.ms. with 4-storey unfinished residential condominium building	No. 2325 Espiritu Street, Sta. Ana, Manila	11,629,000
8) 713-sq.m. lot with 2-storey residential house	No. 50 Nova Scotia Street, Loyola Grand Villas, Phase III, Barangka, Marikina City	9,836,300
9) 241-sq.m. residential lot with 2-storey residential house	No. 14A Scout Fernandez St., Diliman, Quezon City	4,442,000
10) 703-sq.m. parcel of land with 2-storey improvement	Poblacion, Tacurong, Sultan Kudarat	2,431,600
11) 161-sq.m. parcel of land with 2-storey duplex type building	Emerald St., Fern Village Subdivision, Brgy. Pasong Tamo, Quezon City	1,757,000
12) 75.4 sq.m. two parcels of contiguous land with 3-storey residential building	P. Burgos Street, Sto. Nino, Marikina City	1,442,000
13) 173 sq.m. parcel of land with 1-storey residential building	No. 70 Narra cor. Chico Streets, Mutual Homes 1&2 Brgy. Putatan, Muntinlupa	1,024,000
14) 300 sq.m. parcel of land with 1-storey bungalow-type residential building	Carig, Tuguegarao, Cagayan	310,600
15) One (1) unit "Mitsubishi Fuso" Truck Tractor Head, Left hand drive, 6-wheeler, 8-cylinder "Fuso" diesel engine, 1985 model with Plate No. UFJ-426	LBP Warehouse, Escala St., Barrio Mambugan, Antipolo City and Toyota Alabang, Inc. Compound, Bo. Diezmo, Cabuyao, Laguna	90,000
16) One (1) unit "Mitsubishi Fuso" Truck Tractor Head, Left hand drive, 6-wheeler 8-cylinder "Fuso" diesel engine, 1992 model with Plate No. TFY-178		90,000
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18) One (1) unit truck "Trailer", locally fabricated, Chassis Type, 8-wheeler, 40-footer capacity with Plate No. PUJ 905, complete with "Holland" Mark V stand and other standard accessories		75,000
19) One (1) unit truck "Trailer", locally fabricated, Flat Bed Type, 8-wheeler, 40-footer capacity, complete with stand and other standard accessories		75,000

If for any reason the above-mentioned date is declared a non-working holiday, then the public bidding shall be held on the next working day at the same time and place aforementioned.

Bidding forms may be obtained from the Office of the Vice President, Special Assets Department (SPAD), Land Bank of the Philippines. Prospective bidders are enjoined to inspect the above listed properties before entering their bids. The sale of the properties shall be "AS-IS-WHERE-IS". The winning bidder/s shall take possession of the awarded properties without seeking assistance from the Bank. The award in favor of the winning bidder/s shall be subject to the approval of the LBP approving authorities/President of the Republic of the Philippines whenever applicable.

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on the 16th Death Anniversary of

FELICISIMO MANUMBALE GARING, Sr.

former Mayor, Naujan,
Oriental Mindoro

Masses will be offered on Sunday, June 17, 2001 at the following churches:

San Nicolas De Tolentino Parish Church *Naujan, Oriental Mindoro*	6:30 AM & 8:00 AM
Santuario De San Jose *Greenhills, San Juan*	7:15 AM
Our Lady of Perpetual Help *13th Avenue, Cubao, Quezon City*	7:30 AM
Christ the King Mission Seminary *E. Rodriguez Sr. Ave., Quezon City*	7:00 AM
San Nicolas De Tolentino Parish Church *Project 8, Quezon City*	7:15 AM

His loving son **Atty. Silverio "Biyong" R. Garing**; brothers, sisters and the rest of the family, requests those whose lives he touched and the readers to pray for his eternal happiness.

PAZ BORROMEO KABIGTING

December 18, 1915 - May 20, 2001

Laid to rest at Forest Lawn Memorial Park in Gresham, Oregon, U.S.A. Born in Manila to **Fulgencio** and **Teodora Quintos Borromeo**. She was preceded in death by her husband **Dr. Leonardo D. Kabigting** and her son **Jorge**. Survived by her sons **Leo, Jr.**, of Seattle, Washington and **Ramon**, of Jersey City, New Jersey; by daughters **Esperanza**, of East Brunswick, New Jersey; **Asuncion K. Duarte**, of Englewood, Colorado; **Carolina**, of Brier, Washington; **Ana**, of San Francisco, California; **Rosario K. Orozco**, of East Brunswick, New Jersey; **Lourdes**, of Portland, Oregon and **Corazon**, of Clackamas, Oregon. Sons-in-law **Jose Manuel, Marcelino Soriano, Dominador Ofrecio** and **Willie Santos**. Daughter-in-law **Remedios T. Santos**. Sisters **Lourdes Q. Borromeo, Concepcion de Leon, Rosario B. Sevilla**, of Manila and **Teresita B. de los Santos**, of Fairfield, California. Brothers **Jose** and **Juan**, of Manila; 22 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

The Family wishes to thank all those who offered condolences, prayers, Masses, sent messages and flowers.

May God bless us all.

In Loving Memory
on the Eleventh Death Anniversary of

Dra. LUISA LIM-ACO DE LEON

of Biñan, Laguna and Iloilo City

Who joined her Creator on June 17, 1990

Masses will be offered at the following churches today, June 17, 2001

SAN ISIDRO PARISH CHURCH Poblacion, Biñan, Laguna	6:30 a.m.
FILINVEST HOMES CHAPEL Biñan, Laguna	9:00 a.m.
ST. JUDE THADDEUS CHAPEL Mandurriao, Iloilo City	8:30 a.m.
PARISH OF ST. ANNE Molo, Iloilo City	5:30 a.m.
DOMINICAN MOTHER HOUSE Molo, Iloilo City	5:45 a.m.
SAN JOSE PARISH Plaza Libertad, Iloilo City	6:00 a.m.
UNIVERSITY OF SAN AGUSTIN Gen. Luna Street, Iloilo City	7:00 a.m.
SANTA MARIA PARISH Gen. Blanco Street, Iloilo City	6:00 a.m.
JARO METROPOLITAN CATHEDRAL Jaro Plaza	6:30 a.m.
DON BOSCO PARISH CHURCH Pasay Road, Makati City	6:30 a.m.
ST. ANDREW PARISH CHURCH Nicanor Garcia Street, Makati City	6:30 a.m.
SANTUARIO DE SAN ANTONIO Forbes Park, Makati City	6:15 a.m.

"...absent with the body to be present with the Lord."
2 Cor. 5:8

Antonio Ching Yu

Peacefully joined his Creator on June 14, 2001 at the age of 56.

His bereaved wife **LILIA**; children **ROBERT, CRISTY, MA-AN, JEN, CHELLIE** and **MEA**; sons-in-law, grandchildren, relatives and friends request the pious readers to pray for his eternal happiness in Heaven.

His remains lie in state at Arlington Memorial Chapels, 12 G. Araneta Avenue, Quezon City.

Interment will be on Tuesday, June 19, 2001 at the Ever Memorial Garden, Valenzuela City at 9:00 AM.

Our Dearly Beloved

MANUEL "Manoling" C. CRUZ

Peacefully joined our Creator on June 13, 2001 at the age of 83.

His loving children **Pempet & Julie, Tess & Baby, Elong & Tenclong** (†), **Robert & Mely, Vangie & Ernie, Mameng & Roy, Lando & Mirriam, Roy & Jing, Rudy & Angie, Larcy & Jun**, and grandchildren request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

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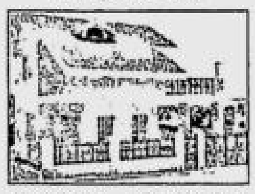

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7 No 11 Rd 25, Proj 6 H&L Split lvl 3BR/2TB LA 331 FA-166 w/terrace Minimum bid P3,340,000.00

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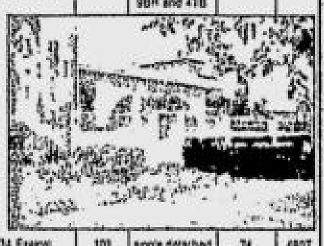

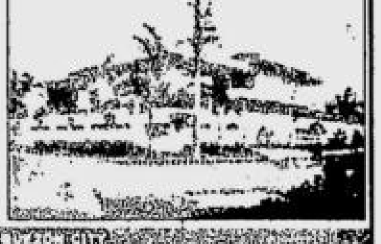

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[illegible]	[illegible]	bungalow with 5BR and 6TB	260	3.6M
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[illegible]	[illegible]	bungalow with [illegible] 3TB	[illegible]	4.6M
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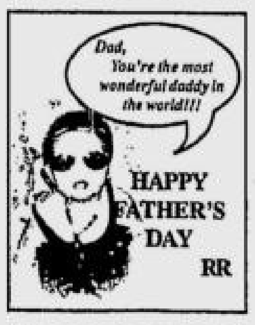
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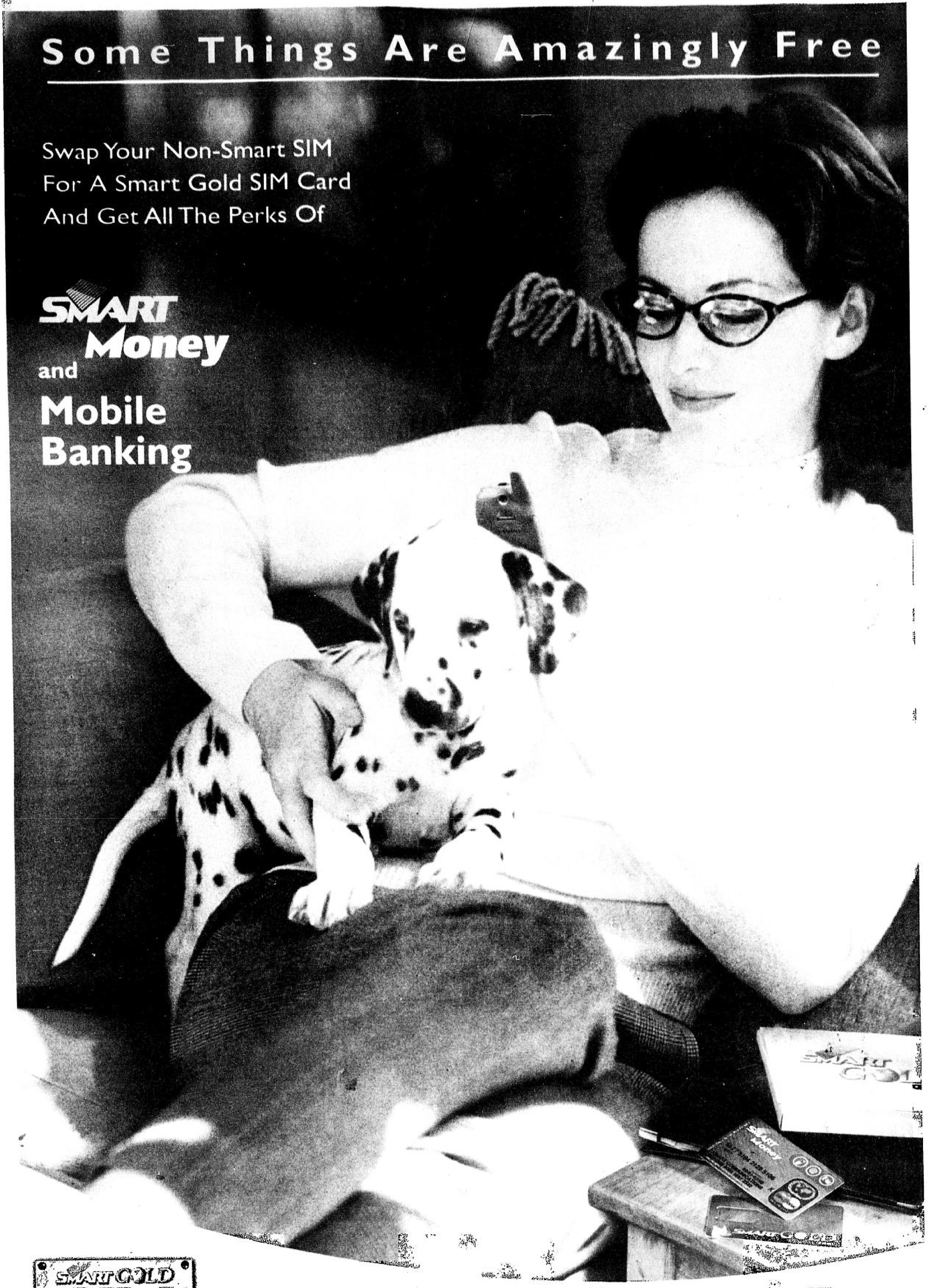

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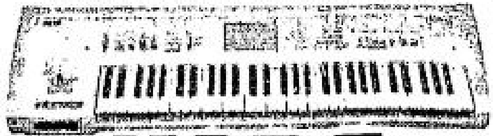

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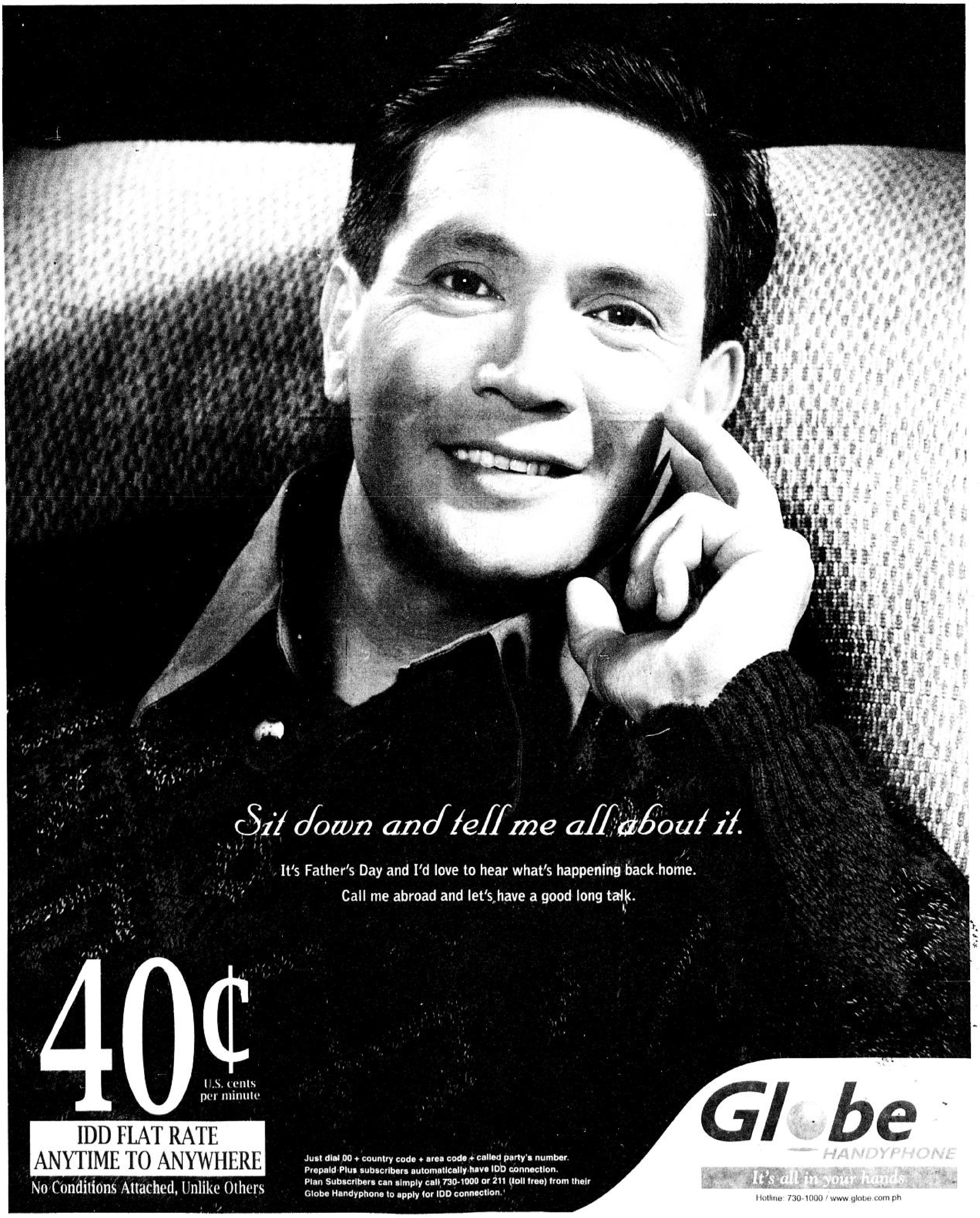

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Whenever he went to visit his activist daughter Kerima in jail in a far-away town last year, Lifestyle contributor Pablo Tariman would cry on the bus on the way home

'Papo' Pablo

By Constantino C. Tejero

MUSIC critic and impresario Pablo Tariman has three daughters: Karenina, 24, a Filipino teacher at the Ateneo de Manila University; Kerima, 22, a poet and Philippine Studies major (on leave) at the University of the Philippines; and Tamara Erika, 19, a valued volleyball player at the University of the East.

Tariman and wife Merlita, who are Papo and Mamo to their children, are "liberal" parents. Kerima cannot remember an instance when there was a major rift between her and one of her parents.

"They don't sermonize," says Kerima. "That's okay. They let you think. They nag more about the small things, like if your room is messy. But with major decisions, *hindi sila masumbat.*"

This freedom of choice, or freewill if you prefer, engenders mutual respect between parent and child. "I don't dictate," says Tariman, who is in his 50s.

He recalls that when the girls were in elementary school, he made them take regular ballet lessons at the Cultural Center of the Philippines. However, when they reached high school and started to feel corny about those lessons, he let them stop.

Maybe because of this leniency, he did not have a difficult or problem child. "If one would rebel, I think that happens to all parents," he rationalizes. "There are moments when I become exasperated, *dinadaan ko na lang sa biro.*"

If difficulties do arise, he does not assume that his daughter has become a problem child. "Whatever happens to her I don't treat as a reflection of what she is. It's just part of raising children," he says.

Anxiety attacks

Kerima says she is close to both parents, "but I'm more with my father because he goes to the same places where I go." On her nights out, she and her friends would go to artists' cafés and gatherings, where her father and his friends also hang out. In her high-school days, they went to Tumbang Preso and filmmaker Ishmael Bernal's Kasalo.

At the UP, where she enrolled after graduating salutatorian from the Philippine High School for the Arts, Kerima, who became culture editor and then managing editor of the Philippine Collegian, became deeply involved in student activism. From her first-year in college, and as a representative of the youth sector, she already had a lot of exposure to picket lines and participated in fact-finding missions in the provinces.

"Okay *lang sa* parents *ko,*" she says. "They were probably scared, *pero hindi sila makulit.*"

Tariman reveals he has had anxiety attacks every time he'd watch rallies and banners being unfurled on TV. He would go: "She [Kerima] is probably there."

In January last year, Kerima left for Isabela to do research on the life of the peasants. She stayed with them for almost five months.

Meanwhile, her father was regularly checking storm signals, monitoring typhoons going to the north. It might be flooded there, he'd think. It's tough in the mountains when there's a storm.

Feeling unreal

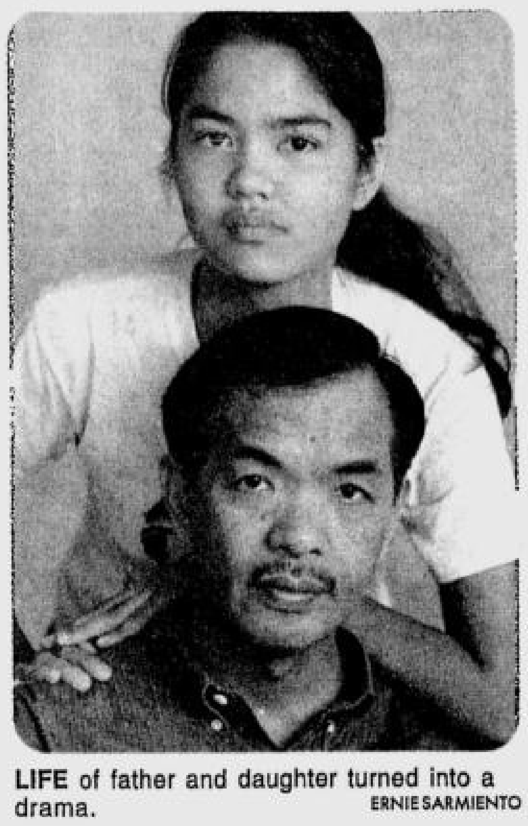
In May last year, Kerima and a companion were arrested in barangay Carmencita in Delfin Albano town, Isabela, after an alleged encounter with the military. They were detained at the provincial jail.

It was only on her third day of incarceration that she got the chance to contact family and friends in Manila. The following day, her father arrived. The first thing he did was to check if she was wounded. She had a minor scratch, a graze from a grenade shrapnel.

"*Hindi siya nanumbat,*" she recalls. "He didn't show how affected he was. I think he's accepted it [her way of life]."

Tariman can smile wryly now remembering the first day he visited his daughter in jail.

"For the first time, my life had turned into a drama," he says, "and, of course, I hadn't been to Isabela. While I was entering that jail, I felt unreal. This couldn't be happening to me. I couldn't believe that this was happening, that one of my children was actually in jail."


LIFE of father and daughter turned into a drama. ERNIE SARMIENTO

On May 29 that year, Kerima Lorena Tariman quietly marked her birthday with a meal of *pancit* with her family in her cell. On the same day, she was charged with illegal possession of firearms and ammunition, and presented to the media in handcuffs.

As soon as he returned to Manila, the father asked editor friends if they could kill the story for his sake. But it was news, so all they could do for the grieving father was to not to show the handcuffs in the pictures that were published.

Kerima spent 20 days in jail before bail could be posted. Her father would visit her thrice a week, traveling for 10 hours by bus.

"Each time I visited, I didn't want to leave her there," he says. "I would cry on the bus. I couldn't see in her face any worry about her situation, but rather concern about how the family would take it. My sense of humor came back only after two weeks."

Wish and guilt

To make the most of his time while he was in Isabela, Tariman, ever the impresario even in times of storm and stress, would arrange concerts in the capital town of Ilagan. He did a fund-raiser for the church, and even invited a Russian violinist to perform.

Kerima was released in July last year. Her case is still pending.

Back in Manila, the committed activist joined the cultural organization Karatula (Kabataang Artista para sa Tunay na Kalayaan) composed of young artists from the visual arts, the theater, literature, music. The group was among those that started the Erap Resign Movement, doing its part through jingles, street theater, murals and the like.

That fateful day in January, when President Estrada finally stepped down, Tariman panicked on learning that his daughter was among those going to march to Malacañang.

He texted her not to go there, because "*baka mga maton 'yong ma-engkwentro nila.*" She texted back that he shouldn't worry because she was in good company.

"Of course, my wish as a typical parent is for her to finish college, then she can do as she pleases," Tariman says. "My only guilt feeling as a parent is I have not given them everything they wanted. Some families have shopping time—they go shopping on weekends—but we don't have that kind of routine. I feel guilty, *pero hindi nila ako pinapa*-guilty, *ha*? I just feel that they deserve more."

Mommy's Guide to Wound Protection

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Q Is it only recommended for deep wounds?

A No. Also for minor wounds, which your active children usually get. Always remember that scratches, scrapes, abrasions, burns, insect bites and skin rashes could also get infected when treated improperly.

Q Can it also help relieve pain and swelling?

A Yes, it can help. Some antiseptic cream brands available in the market, like **Band-Aid® Brand Antiseptic Cream,** have special moisturizing formula, which cools and soothes the discomfort associated with the wound.

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Q What is the best way of applying antiseptic cream?

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FILIPINO FOLK BELIEFS ON SORE THROAT TREATMENT

Dr. Gene Abes, a Master of Public Health graduate, is the chairman of the ENT Department of the Philipp ne General Hospital.

Today we take a look at some of the most common myths, superstitions and home remedies associated with sore throat. Are these myths true? Are they useful or do they just make things worse? Let's find out.

Myth: When a fishbone (tinik) gets stuck in your throat, you may get sore throat and a fever because the wound gets infected.

There may be some truth to this because abrasions in the throat can make it easier for bacteria to enter the tissues, multiply, and lead to a bacterial infection. But if you take a proper oral antiseptic, particularly one with hexetidine, you can help avoid the infection by reducing the bacteria present in your throat. Hexetidine can also help speed up the healing process. However, Filipinos commonly associate sore throat with previous intake of fish, even if an ENT specialist can't find a single fishbone to be a possible cause. There may just be a concurrence in the onset of sore throat with the previous fish intake.

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Myth: You experience sore throat because of cold temperatures (hamog).

When you have allergies, you can be very sensitive to sudden changes in temperature. For example, a person with allergic rhinitis tends to breathe through the mouth because the nose is clogged. When he breathes through the mouth, then the air that's getting in is cold air. Since the mouth has no humidification function, the air is also dry. This causes irritation in the lining of the throat, resulting in sore throat the following morning.

Myth: Eating ice cream or drinking ice cold drinks can cause sore throat or tonsillitis.

Anecdotal evidence suggests association of sore throat with cold drinks. It may be similar to the way allergies work. Extremes in temperature plus hypersensitivity to dairy products may increase throat sensitivity. It can cause sore throat but not necessarily bacterial tonsillitis.

Myth: A good remedy for sore throat is ginger tea (salabat).

Salabat can only relieve sore throat pain. There is not enough evidence to show that it acts as antiseptic. Therefore, it cannot reduce the bacteria in the throat. It is usually given as a warm tea. The heat can cause vasodilatation or a loosening of the constriction in the throat.

Myth: To cure a sore throat, keep your throat warm by wrapping a handkerchief or piece of cloth around your neck.

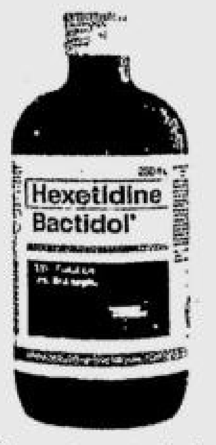
Warm compress may reduce inflammation and bring some degree of pain relief.

Myth: A vinegar gargle will cure a sore throat.

Vinegar is mildly acidic. Gargling with vinegar may make the throat less favorable to bacterial growth, since pathogens are also sensitive to acid. Thus, there may be a basis for anecdotal claims that vinegar can somehow help cure sore throat. But who likes the taste and smell of vinegar anyway?

A more effective, acceptable and longer lasting way to relieve sore throat would be the use of an oral antiseptic with hexetidine. Not only is it easier to gargle, but it really has been proven to reduce bacteria in the throat. This serves to prevent sore throat as well as hasten its cure. It also serves to prevent a more serious secondary bacterial infection, in the event that your sore throat was caused by a virus or allergies.

Next week, Dr. Abes will explain what an ounce of prevention can do for sore throat.



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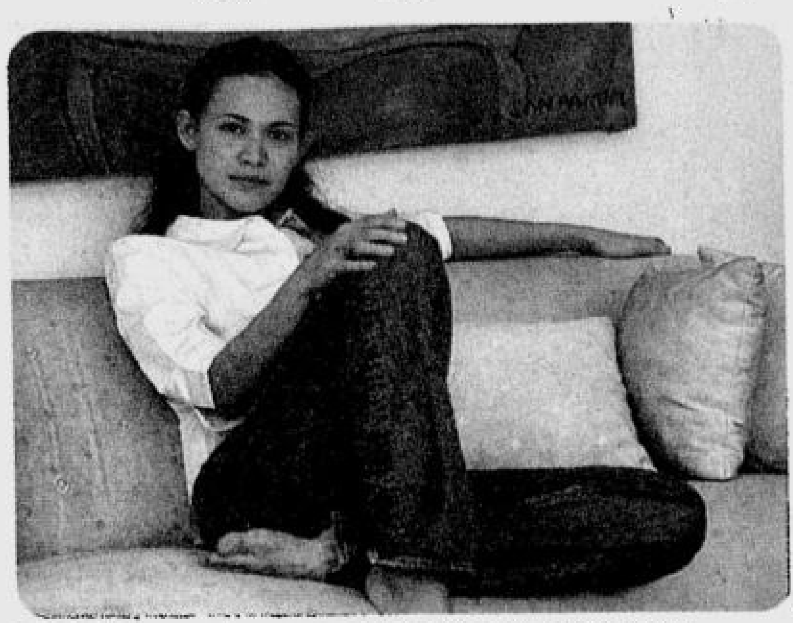
Jaime Fabregas gets to play dad–and for real, too

By Vangie Baga-Reyes

The actor and film scorer avidly watches the show-biz career of daughter Lara; together they thrive in a world where the dysfunctional is the norm



LARA Fabregas: "I grew up exposed to arts and movies."
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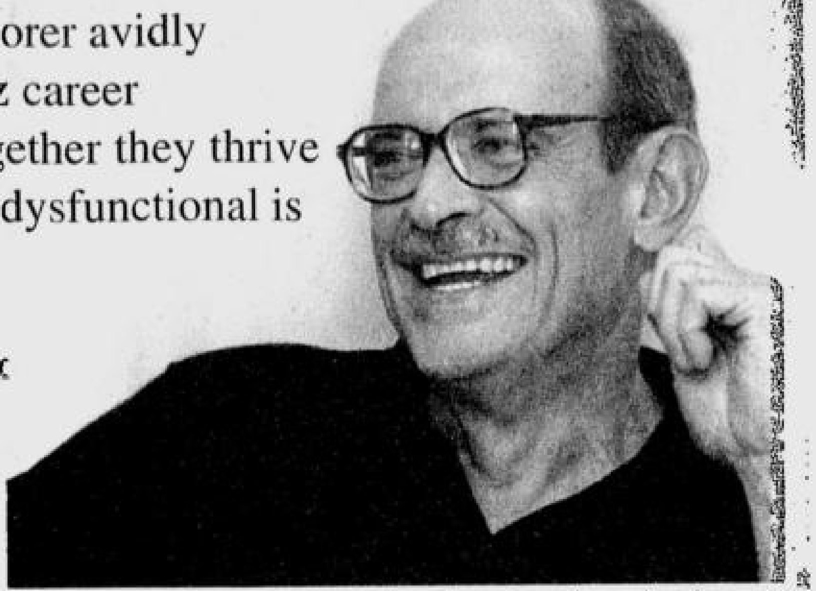

DAD Jaime Fabregas: "The first time I saw Lara in a play, I was so nervous. I think my fingers bled from too much biting."

WHEN stage-movie actor and film scorer Jaime Fabregas found out his pretty daughter, Lara, was joining show business, he took it casually, as if it had been expected to happen.

"I think it's in the genes," enthuses Jaime. His two other grown-up kids with first wife, Bing Caballero, have also joined the entertainment arena—Minco is a gig band member, while Paolo is into theater and television. "But, not just mine. Their mother is also into arts. She used to be a dancer and she writes scripts and poetry."

Jaime and Bing separated when Lara was about 8 years old. Lara moved with her mom and brothers to the United States, where she was practically raised. But, through all those years away from her dad, Lara displayed an inclination toward acting.

"I've always wanted to act, but when I was younger my family always moved around from one country to another, so it was hard for me to actually pursue it," says Lara.

Jaime's passion for acting may have "subconsciously" influenced Lara since at a young age she was already exposed to his show-biz way of life. "When Lara was 6, I would bring her to my shootings and stage rehearsals, and she loved it."

In fact, just before Lara left for the US, she had a chance to appear in a movie with the late Rita Gomez titled "Ina, Kasusuklaman Ba Kita?" directed by Maning Borlaza under Seiko Films. Lara played one of the young lead girls.

"I grew up exposed to arts and movies," says Lara. "Even my mom would bring me to the set of Nora Aunor's 'Himala' and other old movies," recalls Lara. "I also remember my dad playing Daddy Warbucks in Repertory Philippines' 'Annie.' I loved him there. I said to myself I would want to do the same when I grow up. I admire my dad, as well as his artist-friends who would come to our house to rehearse."

In the US, Lara was active in school plays, and whenever she had a play she would call her dad in Manila to inform him. Jaime, however, never got to see any of her plays.

Professional actors

Like her dad, Lara never finished college. She was taking up language when the love for acting got in the way. Jaime was a chemical engineering student at De La Salle University when the call of the movies and theater also prevailed.

Lara started acting professionally in Malaysia with her first major play, "Puppets." She became a figure in most Malaysian stage plays. When she moved back to Manila in 1998, she joined Monique Wilson's New Voice Company and Lito Casaje's Dramatis Personae. Now she's with Bart Guingona's Actors, Actors Inc.

In Manila, Lara lives with her mom and siblings Minco and Paolo in Casa Verde in Pasig, while Jaime lives with his second wife, Mayee, and four kids—Mateo, 16, Leandro, 8, Ines, 7, and Emilio, 4—at St. Vincent Townhomes in Loyola Heights.

Jaime welcomed Lara into the world of entertainment with open arms. Whenever he watches Lara on stage, he feels so proud. "I don't recall the title, but the very first time I saw Lara in a play I was so nervous. I think my fingers bled from too much biting," he says.

"The same thing with Paolo when he had his first stage play. Funny, I didn't know they were equally nervous when they found out I was going to see them," adds Jaime, a mainstay of ABS-CBN's TV soap "Sa Dulo Nang Walang Hanggan" and comedy sitcom "Pwedeng Pwede Di Pwede."

Whenever his schedule permits, he goes to see their respective plays. "I try to make it a point to watch all their plays. Maybe I've missed one or two of Lara's plays, or one of Paolo's. I also go to Minco's various gigs."

Last year, Jaime and Lara had a chance to perform and "bond together" on stage in "Fool for Love," held at the Republic of Malate. "We had so much fun. I accepted the offer because I knew I would get to work with Lara," admits Jaime.

Lara, on her part, was gladdened by the thought she could work with her dad. However, every rehearsal time, she had wished he wasn't there. "I was rehearsing a kissing scene with Lee Robin Salazar. My dad was watching and we were embarrassed. And my dad suddenly yelled, "*O, ano ba 'yan*! Kiss each other *na*! What? Are you intimidated by me? Just do it!'"

"That's one thing I teach my children," states Jaime. "They have to be real and honest with their roles. The best trait of an actor is to be sincere. For me, Lara and Paolo as actors are very sincere. That's why acting works for them. It comes from inside. It's not superficial acting. They study their roles thoroughly."

Two cents worth

Lara consults her dad before accepting movie offers. "I always hear horror stories in the movies about [directors] forcing you to do something that's not part of the script. I take my dad's advice that when I'm asked to do things we didn't agree with, just walk out," says Lara, a regular cast of GMA 7's "Biglang Sibol Bayang Impasibol."

There's only one thing that concerns Jaime about Lara's movie career—"bold" films. "One time I was taping a sitcom and an assistant director came up to me and said, 'Jimmy, I heard Lara is accepting a bold movie from Regal.' 'What?' I said. That was the first time I heard about it. She told me she would never do those things. I was startled. I called Lara right away and asked her about it and she went 'Dad, that's not true!' I was relieved."

With their tight schedules, Jaime and Lara hardly see each other these days. But they regularly text each other for updates.

"We go out at least once a month just to be together," she says.

When they see each other, they talk nothing fancy. "That's something I'm really proud of about my children. We are very open to each other. We know each other's problems. Not that they come to me for help. I am usually the one who goes to them. I suppose it's harder for them to open up to me, but when they see me opening up to them, then it becomes easy for them to tell me everything."

Jaime accepts the fact that most children go first to their mothers for advice. "What happens when we get together, we have a few drinks and start with small talk until the conversation eventually gets heavy. With these kids, there is no such thing as casual conversation. It always ends up talking about life and relationship. They're unbelievable. It's like talking to people my age."

Lara discloses they can talk to him about successes and failures, their dreams and aspirations, and anything else that comes to mind. They support each other in time of need.

Sense of humor

When it comes to his children's relationships, Jaime keeps mum. He tries very hard not to play the role of a power dad and interfere with her life. "I don't meddle. I trust them completely and they're old enough to handle those things," Jaime says.

However, he finds Lara quite picky about men. "That's why I'm not worried. When she falls in love, it's because she knows what she's doing and there's nothing anybody can do about that."

Lara says one of the traits she inherited from her dad is his sense of humor. "I would like to think I have a bit of his sense of humor."

But one precious gift she will forever cherish from her parents is independence. "They gave us the right to decide for ourselves. My parents never imposed [on us]. They let us do what we want to do, period. Regardless of what other people expect of us."

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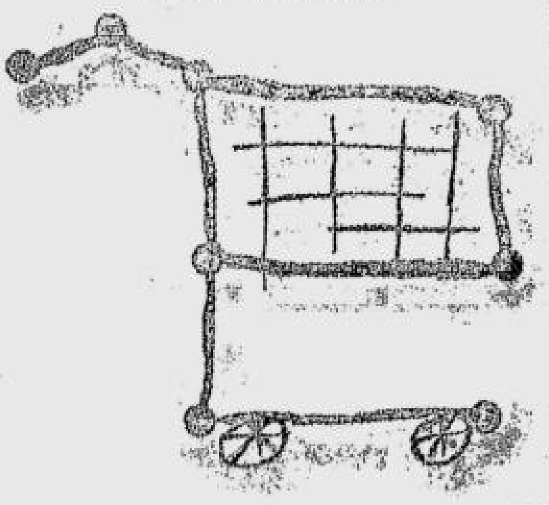

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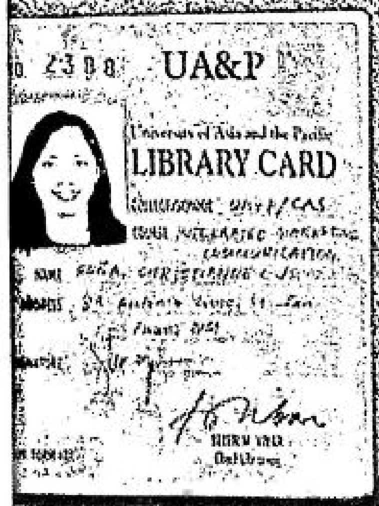
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From pen-pushing to parenting

By Cathy Babao Guballa

Miranda de Quiros thinks her dad is cool, but he thinks fatherhood has made him less adventurous . . . and there's the rub

CONRADO de Quiros has been called many things—intense, brilliant, a writer's writer... the list goes on and on. His essays and commentaries are filled with soul and seriousness. In person, however, he is hip, cool and down-to-earth. There's a Zen-like tranquility about him.

His only daughter, 24-year-old broadcast journalist Miranda, is his opposite. She is passionate, intense and always on the go. Where she takes after Dad is in eloquence.

"*Maligalig* (restless)" is how De Quiros describes his firstborn. "Funny" on the other hand is how Miranda describes her father. "He loves to joke around, sometimes it's so hard to get a straight answer from him."

So unlike the Conrado de Quiros on print. "*Ay naku*, he's the exact opposite at home," Miranda adds with a grin. "He's very relaxed and cool. Except when it's deadline time and he's working on a column. That's when we all have to be quiet or else..."

The father-daughter relationship or parenting style ("Whatever can pass off for parenting," quips De Quiros) is much like a *barkadahan*. "It's very casual and informal at home, we joke around like we are all just friends," he adds.

The liberal upbringing, De Quiros says, was not a conscious decision. "All of the influences that you imbibe makes you what you are," says the INQUIRER columnist, who is also an activist, playwright, short-story writer and book author, among other things. "I grew up [in Naga] in a very traditional home where my father's word was law. He was quite strict and really demanded academic excellence."

De Quiros was 14 when his father passed away. "From then on, I learned to be independent," he says. "Fortunately I had a lot of scholarships and, during school break, I would even bring home the money I had saved from my stipend."

Educated by the Jesuits (Ateneo de Naga for high school and Ateneo de Manila for college), he was exposed to various schools of thought. "Liberalism has been ingrained in me. I practice what I preach."

More than liberalism, however, integrity is the value that Miranda considers the best lesson in life her father has taught her. "He never really preached to us (there is a younger brother, Jose Miguel, 12) about it. I see it by the way he lives his life," she emphasizes.

The father, on the other hand, says, "There is no wealth that I can leave them, really. So I'd like to be able to leave them a good name. Corruption is a temptation that is always there and I constantly remind her to be careful."

Miranda had always wanted to become a broadcast journalist even as a very young girl. "I would watch the news on television and at the back of my head I would think, hey, I want to be there," she says.

Today she is a member of the ABS-CBN team of news correspondents. "I've really been more inclined toward the visual medium," she says.

So visual is television that when Conrad was invited to be a commentator for the GMA 7 coverage of the May 1 storming of Malacañang Palace by the pro-Erap crowd, he could not help but be concerned about Miranda, whom he knew to be out on dangerous grounds. "*Mag-ingat ka*, Miranda," he called out to his daughter on live TV, and never mind that he was on the competing network.

Mutual admiration

Opting to go into a medium where her father's reputation does not precede her, Miranda prefers to be recognized for her own merit. "I'd rather our writing styles were not compared. It would be hard to equal his," Miranda says with admiration.

There is a palpable mutual admiration between father and daughter.

Conrad describes Miranda as "*masigasig mag*-pursue *ng istorya*. She pays great attention to details and is very strong-willed." He is quick to add that Miranda inherited the passion and strength from Mom (environmentalist Teresita Makabenta).

"She's always had this natural tendency to lead," says De Quiros, "and even when she was in high school, her friends tended to gravitate toward her. Her grandfather on her mother's side was a guerrilla leader. I really think that genes have something to do with it."

In spite of his busy schedule, De Quiros is a father who knows his children well. He describes his only son as calmer as opposed to Miranda who has always been restless. "You can put Jose Miguel in front of the computer and still find him there five hours later. The computer is his element."

He shares an anecdote about his two children, "'*Pag sinabi mo kay* Miranda *talon*! she will do so without thinking twice. *Wala talagang takot iyan. Si* Butchok (Jose Miguel) '*pag sabi mo talon*! *Sasabihin niya, 'Bakit?' Magkapatid iyan, pero ibang-iba*," he laughs.

No kisses, lots of fun

Music and movies are passions shared by the De Quiros children and their father. Miranda describes Dad as quite passionate about his audio and video equipment. "I like to tinker around and, usually, when he has some new equipment, he gives instructions while I set it up. His latest thing is a CD writer and we've been listening to music nonstop."

The selection ranges from classical to jazz, rock, the Beatles and, would you believe, the Corrs and Eminem! "We have a 12-year-old around the house and Dad can completely relate to his music," notes Miranda. Theirs, she says, is the type of family you would find all together in a bistro on a Saturday night listening to a band.

"We are not a very affectionate family in terms of kissing or hugging or saying 'I love you' but there is a lot of laughter and fun at home," Miranda says.

Her fondest memory, however, is of tagging along with her dad to the Daily Globe offices when she was around 10. "That went on for about two years, *wala pang* fax or e-mail. He would take his columns to the office and I would tag along each time. Afterward, he would take me to lunch. I could share everything with him, who my crushes were, stuff like that."

De Quiros, on the other hand, says that fatherhood has made him "a little less adventurous. *Dati, buhay-makata tayo*. Before fatherhood you are fearless. You drink yourself to a stupor. When you become a father, you learn to take better care of your health. Work becomes a prime concern—*pero hindi pa rin naman ako naging burgis*. And you become more careful. I suppose fatherhood modifies your behavior in a sense."

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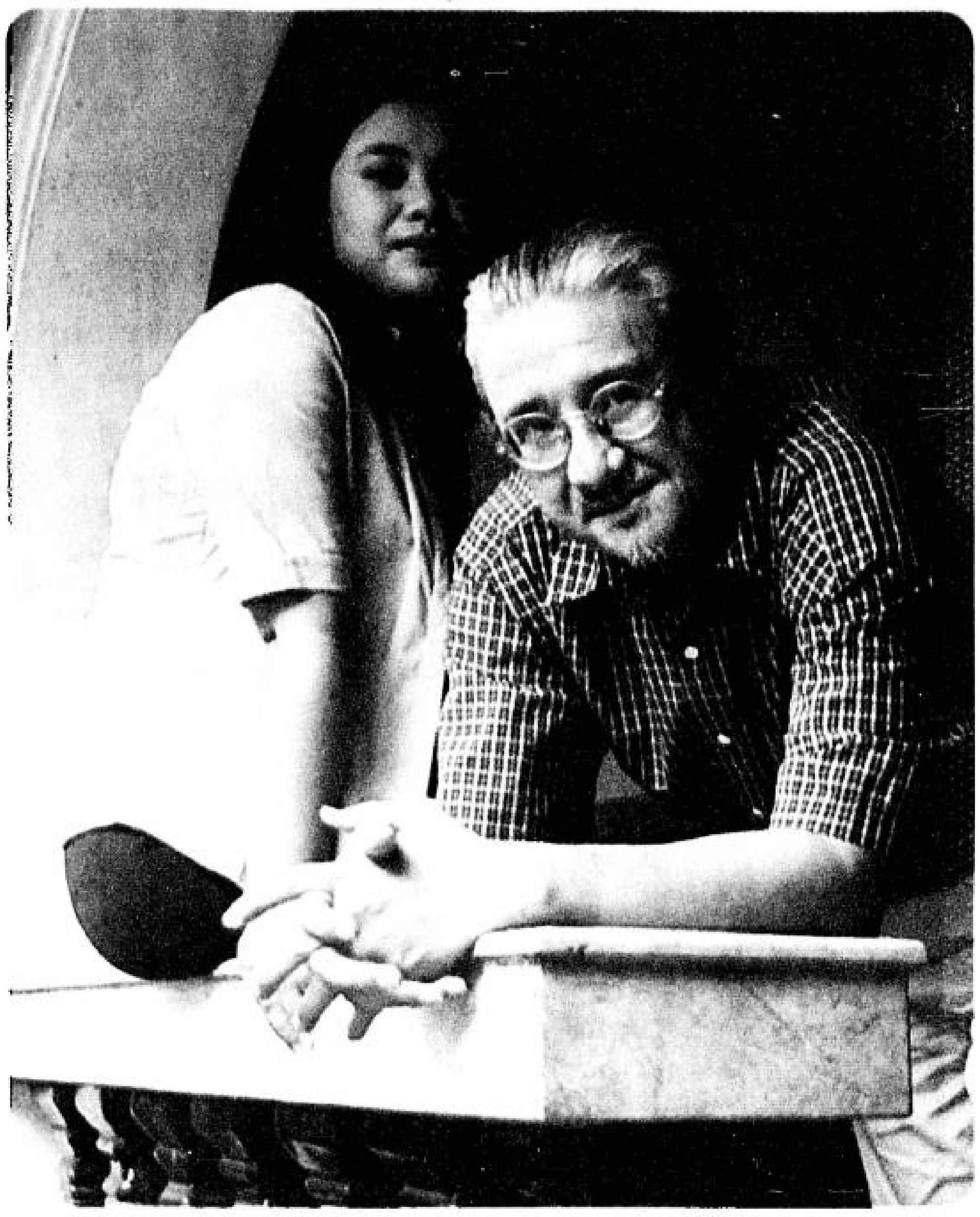

CONRAD de Quiros and daughter Miranda: A palpable mutual admiration MIKE ALQUINTO

The private lives of Randy David and daughter Kara

By Alex Y. Vergara

SOCIOLOGIST and media person Randy David, in one of his intimate letters to Kara, then a struggling broadcast journalist, admitted to having passed on the "worry" genes to his second child. In her desire to blend in and make an impression, Kara worried herself sick over real and imagined problems. It was only after reading her father's soothing words that Kara learned to loosen up and eventually savor the highs and lows of a demanding profession.

'I don't have a famous father,' broadcast journalist Kara David says about dad. 'I have an intelligent father'

Of course, it did help that Kara also inherited Randy's other traits: intelligence, discipline and a genuine empathy for others. She probably got her exceptional writing skills and command of the Filipino language from her father as well. After joining GMA 7 as a researcher in 1995, Kara is now one of the star reporters of "Brigada Siete," one of the network's top-rating public affairs shows.

Kara brightens up as she tries to recall her father's exact words—words that forever changed her attitude and bolstered her resolve to do even better: "I blame myself if you turned out that way. I think you got the worry genes from me. Remember that all of us are human, [each one] the product of many errors... Don't fear failure for these very imperfections make you beautiful."

When she read that, Kara felt as if a burden had been lifted off her chest. Kara kept the note for a while and would reread it every time she felt low or too stressed out from all those crazy deadlines. A book by Kahlil Gibran and a thin volume on Zen Buddhism went with the letter.

"He probably just didn't want me to go back to my old job as a speechwriter for Senator Angara," Kara says in jest. "But we've always been free to pursue anything we wanted provided we put our hearts and minds into it."

Yes, Randy and wife Karina, also a social scientist, have always been supportive of their children's career choices. For one, none of them were compelled to follow their parents' careers. They were all educated in UP like their folks, but their chosen careers are as diverse as the people Kara, a mass communications graduate, features in her reports.

CP, the eldest and only son, is a geologist pursuing his doctorate at Stanford. Nadya is an interior designer, and Jika, a certified public accountant, works with Unilever. Only CP plans to teach in the future, but in a totally different field.

"They were all very disciplined students," says Randy, in the family's Filipino-inspired home in UP. "Neither my wife nor I is that dogged. I think they [kids] got it from UP."

Independent streak

Randy, the first in a brood of 13, knows only too well the pressures kids undergo just to conform to their parents' wishes. Rightly or wrongly, his father "planned our lives for us." Randy's independent streak was evident even then. Instead of taking up law, he defied his old man's wish by studying sociology. (Yes, he's not a lawyer although people often think he is.) To this day, he has no reason to regret his decision.

"The country already has too many lawyers," he reasons. "Besides, I didn't want to further burden my parents by studying beyond four years. I wanted to be financially independent after college." Randy finished his MA also at UP on a scholarship. His dream of finishing a doctorate in sociology was cut short by martial law. He was unable to return to the University of Manchester in England where he was also a scholar.

Like activists of his generation, Randy felt the need to give something back to the country. He found the right avenue by joining UP, where he has been teaching sociology and other related subjects for a few decades now.

Oddly enough, a career in the media was farthest from Kara's mind back then. She was still in high school when Randy, then hardly known beyond academic circles, debuted on TV as the host of "Truth Forum," a public affairs show on ABC 5. Kara's first love was Philippine history, a course she chose in college in preparation for a teaching career.

"I was two years into it when I got bored," she recalls. "All my good friends were taking up masscom, so they convinced me to join them." Her parents learned of Kara's move only later, and they didn't seem to mind.

Even Randy dismisses his influence over Kara's decision to join the media. After all, he's first and foremost a teacher rather than a media person. Although father and daughter share a passion for relevant documentaries, Randy never considered himself a broadcast journalist.

Nor did Randy pull strings to facilitate Kara's entry into such a competitive field. In fact, says Kara, Randy even wrote Tina Monzon-Palma, then an executive of ABC 5, not to give his daughter special treatment. Kara, then with Senator Angara, sent her biodata to every TV network except her dad's home studio.

"I didn't want people to say that I was using my father's connections to get in," she says. When she finally mustered enough courage to apply, Kara underwent a series of routine examinations and interviews like everybody else. "I didn't make it."

Intelligent father

So, is it an advantage to have a famous father like Randy David? "I don't have a famous father," says Kara. "I have an intelligent father. It's an advantage in terms of the insights and contacts he provides."

Having an accomplished dad, of course, could also work against you. Kara, for instance, found herself being chided by a taxi driver for doing a light feature. "You're the daughter of Randy David?" said the incredulous driver. "So why are you wasting your time jumping from airplanes?"

"It's as if I have to tackle 'relevant' topics all the time because of my family name," she sighs. On a personal note, having someone as sharp as Randy for a dad could sometimes dampen one's *diskarte*. "He can read minds."

GMA 7 finally replied a few years later by asking Kara to join them as a researcher. Again, Randy, who later moved to GMA, had nothing to do with it. "How could I when she got in ahead me?" he says. "Probably it was the other way around. I got in because of her."

Nonetheless, Randy was thrilled by the turn of events. Although he didn't expect Kara to become a reporter, he's the least bit surprised that she's doing well at it. "Kara has always been an extrovert," says the doting father. "She's a good writer with a very human stand. I also like the way she accords her subjects with respect. I hope she got it from the way I treat my guests."

Not once did Kara show her script to her dad, her biggest fan and worst critic. The family always makes it a point to catch her shows or record them for later viewing. Despite her numerous achievements, Kara still can't help but feel tense every time the entire family gathers around the TV. "It's a holistic form of criticism—from my script, to my mannerisms, down to my makeup."

"All of us are severe critics of each other's work," says Randy. "But I haven't been disappointed so far with Kara's work." One of his favorite stories is the teacher who defied all odds to run a school in a godforsaken barrio in Negros. Kara had to trek through rivers and mountains to do the heartwarming feature. Randy also relishes watching Kara's "Huling Hirit," two-minute news feature replete with touches of human interest. It looks like Kara has been heeding his father's advice.

"I told her once to focus on topics she feels comfortable with," says the INQUIRER columnist. "Always look for a fresh angle and never go for the cliché. Write as if you're writing your last piece." And, oh, don't pay much heed to the "worry" genes. Triumphs, as well as failures, make for an interesting story.

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THREE GENERATIONS. Randy with daughter Kara and granddaughter Julia MIKE ALQUINTO

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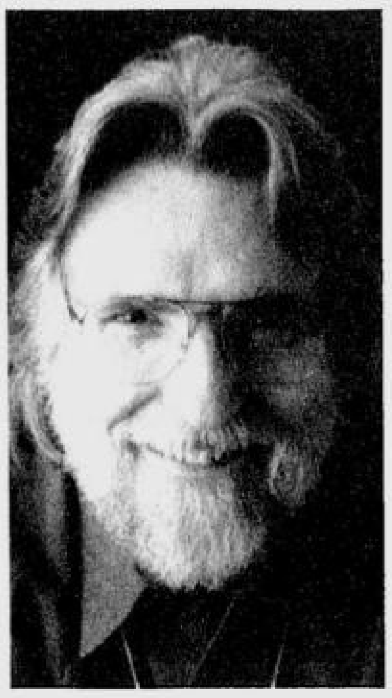
God's conversant in Manila soon

By Jim Paredes

"SUPPOSE you could ask God the most puzzling questions about existence—love and faith, life and death, good and evil. Suppose God provided clear, understandable answers. It happened to Neale Donald Walsch. It can happen to you."

This is the come-on written on the back cover of "Conversations With God (CWG)" Book 1, which really caught my attention. And from there, I was hooked. I have read every book of Neale Donald Walsch after that and with each reading and rereading, my understanding of God continues to grow and deepen.

Walsch started on his journey one lonely night when he wrote a scathing letter to God complaining why his work, relationships, health, his life in general were not going anywhere. To his surprise, God seemed to take control of his hand and pen and answered his queries, thus starting his "conversation" with the deity. His books, which describe a God who is unconditionally loving, forgiving, wise, patient, funny, unconventional, outrageously marvelous and extremely fascinating, has altered my view of God forever.



Neale Donald Walsch, author of the 'Conversations with God' bestsellers, is coming to Manila for an evening of enlightenment: God is kind

Now it's a kinder, gentler God whom I believe in and also believes in me.

I have spent hours in conversations with many people in study groups dedicated to "CWG" that have sprung all over. I know the interest in the books and the effects they have on people are intensely real. I have seen many of them come into a room, join the discussion and be moved to tears as they seemed touched by a healing grace. God, I now tell myself, must have always been like this.

So how did I come to see a different deity when I was younger? Time was when my allegiance was to a very strict, judgmental God who seemed to demand my constant devotion and attention, not to mention my complete and exact adherence to what was passed on to me by others as His moral code. I was, needless to say, a very guilt-ridden individual.

Was it my education? Family background? My immaturity? Probably all of the above. But I've also come to realize that, perhaps, like government, we do get a God experience that we deserve, or ask for, albeit consciously or unconsciously. The trick is to know this so we can open ourselves to a more joyful and liberating God who opens us to greater possibilities for growth and happiness. Ask and you shall receive. If God were software, we want the latest upgrade.

My brother Jake was able to watch Walsch during one of his public appearances in Florida. It was a big surprise to him that Walsch was not only enlightening and inspiring but also lively, funny and entertaining.

That's why I jumped at the chance to invite him to Manila to give a talk. After all, how many of us have had the great pleasure of sitting with a world-renowned author and have a conversation with him? I look forward to listening to him share his ongoing dialogue with God.

Here are some quotes from God which particularly struck me. Some of them may require a second or third reading before they sink in.

"The moment you experience your greatest love, you will experience your greatest fear."

"Life is not a school and your presence here is not to learn; it is to remember."

"I am the beginning of your first thought. I am the end of your last."

"I am the idea which sparked your most brilliant moment. I am the glory of its fulfillment."

"Previous experience is no indicator of truth, since pure truth is created here and now, not reenacted."

"Love gives all and requires nothing."

"Stop trying to figure out what is 'best' for you (how you can win the most, lose the least, get what you want) and start going with what feels like Who You Are."

"You still think that your life is about car repairs and telephone bills and what you want out of relationships, that it's about dramas you've created, rather than the creator of those dramas."

"If you act lovingly, you will be acting naturally."

"There is only one consideration when making any decision: Is this a statement of Who I Am? Is this an announcement of Who I Choose to Be?"

"You may have whatever you choose. But you may not have anything you want. In fact, you'll never get anything you want if you want it badly enough."

"Nothing is difficult for Me—but you might be making things difficult for yourself."

"Change your mind all you want. Yet remember that with each change of mind comes a change in the direction of the whole universe."

"You can tell you are on your way to mastery when you see the gap closing between Willing and Experiencing."

"The decision you make today is often not the choice you make tomorrow. Yet here is the secret of all Masters: keep choosing the same thing."

"I am never not with you. You are simply not aware."

"THERE IS ONLY ONE OF US."

"Spirituality invites you to toss away the thoughts of others and come up with your own."

"You are what you experience."

"You see beauty where you desire to see it. You see ugliness where you are afraid to see beauty."

"The central question in ANY decision is 'What would love do now?'"

"Betrayal of yourself in order not to betray another is betrayal nonetheless. It is the highest betrayal."

"Enjoy everything... Need nothing... needing someone is the fastest way to kill a relationship... the greatest gift you can give someone is the strength and the power not to need you, to need you for nothing."

"The only problem of humanity is lack of love."

"I HAVE SENT YOU NOTHING BUT ANGELS."

"Often the only way to know yourself as That Which You Are is to experience yourself as That Which You Are Not."

"It is not for you to judge the journey of another's soul. It is for you to decide who YOU are, not who another has been or has failed to become."

"The inability to experience the suffering of another as one's own is what allows such suffering to continue."

"Feeling good is the soul's way of shouting 'This is who I am!'"

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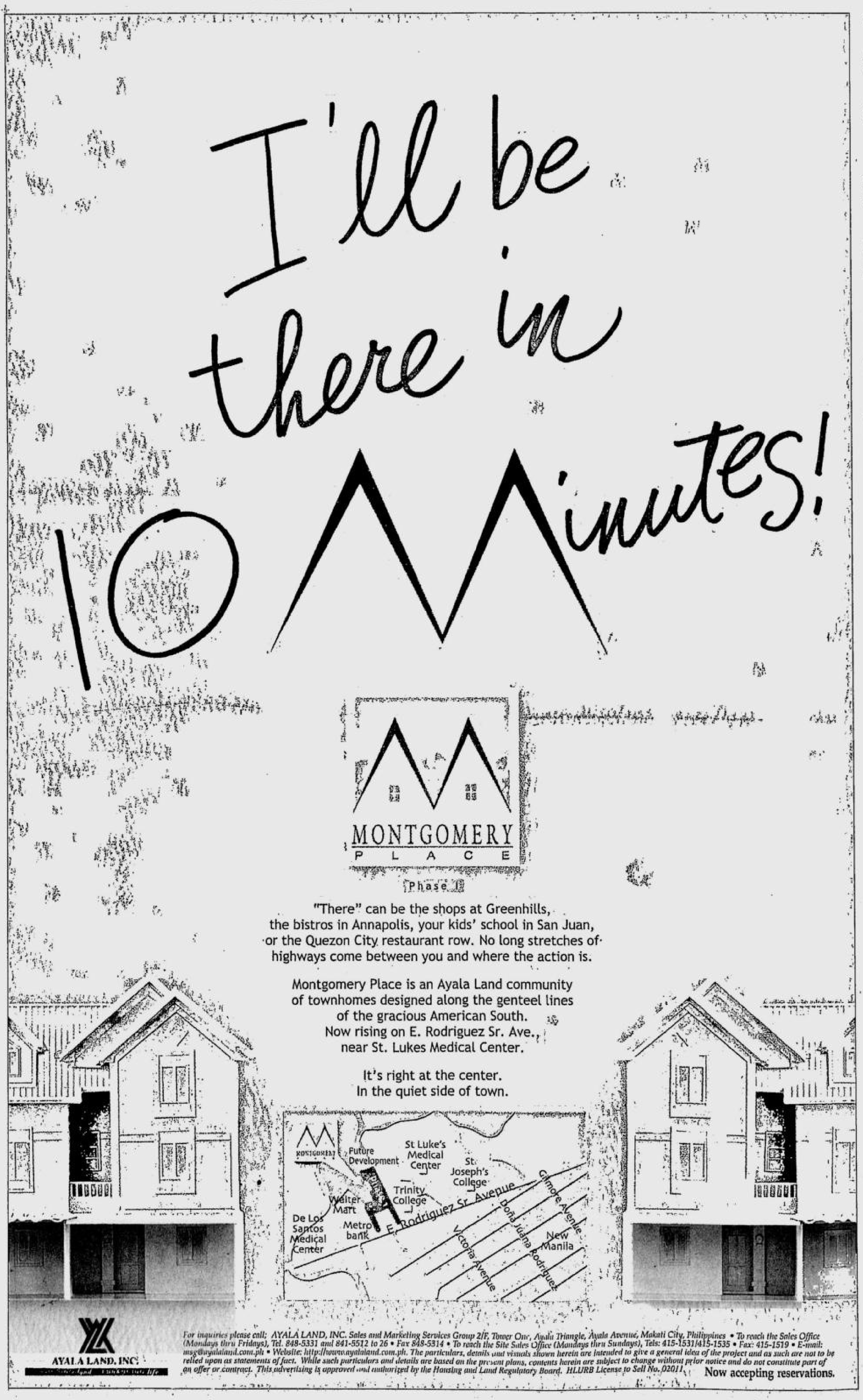

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Somewhere between the East and the West is the Filipino male

By Minco Fabregas

THE MODERN Filipino male has been severely under the influence. Drunk and staggering, he has seen sunny days peppered with acid rain. Foreign diseases and the plague of modernism have washed bottles of sadness on his pristine shores.

But he has tried his best to break away from this daunting and stiff patriarchal society handed down from the Romans of old; which was and is the very root of his social identity of today.

So, who is the modern Filipino? To answer this, we must illustrate the Filipino of the olden days.

He was a brown gentleman in white with a parasol waltzing by the *calesas* of Intramuros. He read many books—books from Vienna, Spain and Italy. The Chinese brought their vases to his ports where the galleons glistened in the hot Manila Bay sunset. And far in the North, the tribes of datus fought for ancestral land and displayed the head of their fallen enemies much in the manner of Vlad The Impailer.

This was the old Filipino in his old "Pearl of the Pacific."

Wide-eyed and trusting, he welcomed the world with open arms. And because of his trust he is rewarded with the sad situation of today: Manila Bay littered with rats and garbage, Intramuros, a second-rate tourist attraction and the women he admires, bought at whole sale rates and delivered by express mail.

This is the Philippines of today. Not the Pearl anymore but just a run-down beach resort where beer is cheap and sunsets shine golden.

The Filipino would probably wish he could blame his present state of affairs on the Spaniards and even the Americans. But to do so would be truly defeatist. It would be an unearthing of centuries of problems that would just bring him frustration and sadness, like a Pandora's box. But he still seeks excuses and shortcuts and secretly wishes he could land a job in an international business firm.

But reality dawns and there is not really a helping hand. There never was. The jobs are few and labor is under priced. His only recourse is to tighten his belt and press forward.

But to where?

To the bars filled with Versace and flanked by Benzes while the streets overflow with kids selling flowers? A new highrise is built and a president is ousted while a school is torn down to make way for a highway.

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THE SPLENDOR of Teyet's salon (note paintings and antique fabrics on the ceiling) upstages even the celebrant (third, from left), here chatting with Imelda Marcos, Sonia Mathay and Dr. "Cups" Villaruel (foreground).

WELCOME to the marvels of Teyet's Pacific Plaza digs. Step into the lushness of the colors, the redness of the roses, the vastness of the art collection dominated by "La Banca" (center frame) by Felix Resureccion Hidalgo.

SET for fine dining with masterpieces on the wall

THE CELEBRANT is also a collector of friends like, from left, George Go, his son Patrick with his fiancée, Father Boy and Rosie Go.

SPECIAL friends of the honoree include Imelda Marcos, Inday Badiday and lawyer-brother, Butch Jimenez

COVER boy is good enough to eat; the "timeless" cake, the festive table are gifts from Teyet's across-the-hall neighbor, Imelda Marcos.

Incomparable birthday bash

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THAT insatiable, incomparable collector of art and the finest things in life, Dr. Eleuterio "Teyet" Pascual, recently hosted a birthday party for himself in his wall-to-wall stunning Pacific Plaza condo. But the host only had eyes for his guests, his very own priceless collectibles of friends.

Club previews kiddie activities

CHILDREN of members of The Palms Country Club (now rising at Filinvest, Alabang) were given a preview of the Coco Club slated to be a Club Med type of activities program especially designed for the nursery to grade-school age group.

A lot of details went into the planning of the event. Guests were welcomed with a colorful burst of balloons, a reception committee of membership managers with painted faces and children's party attire. The whole setting was like a theme park: A puppet show, arts and crafts room, play gym and a delightful entertainment package.

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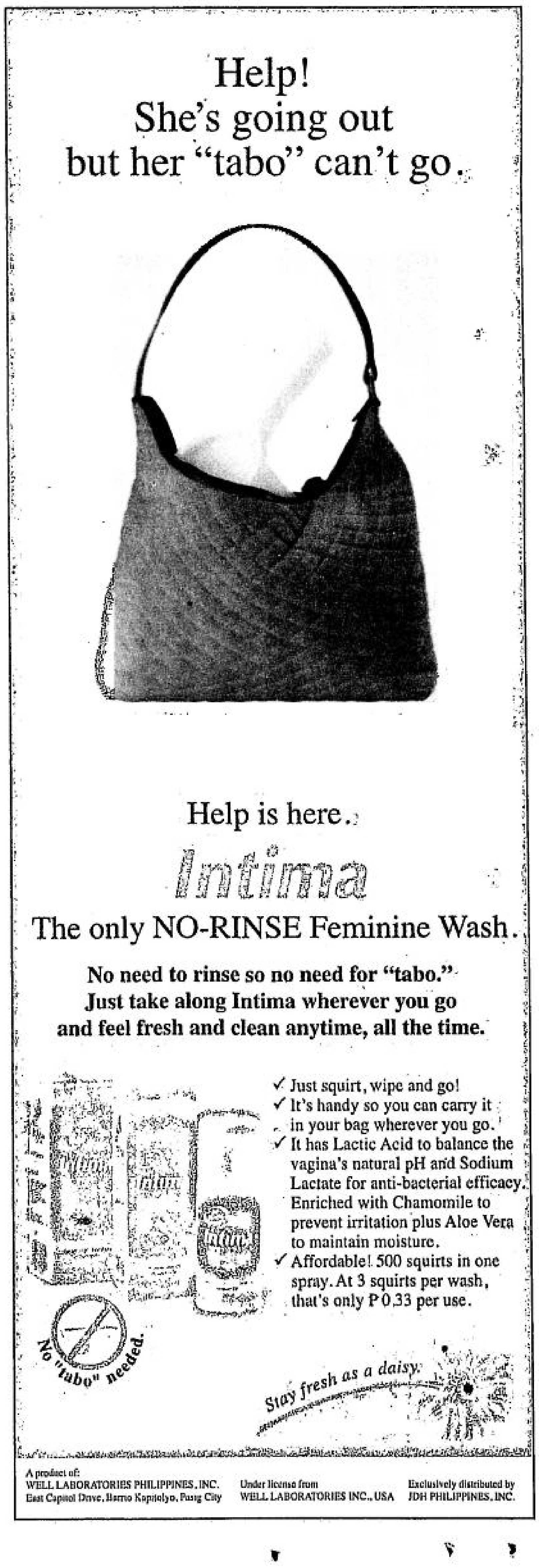

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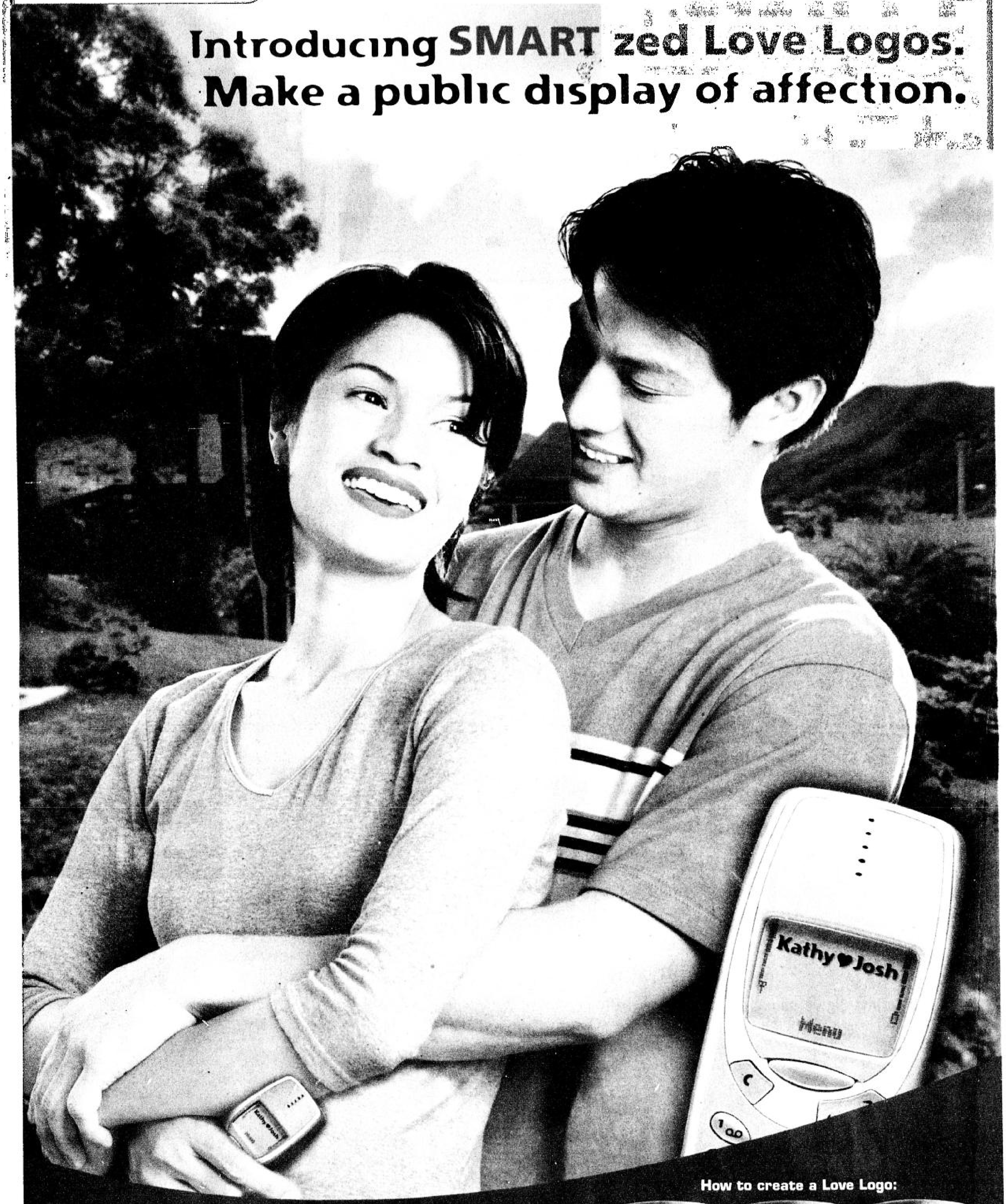

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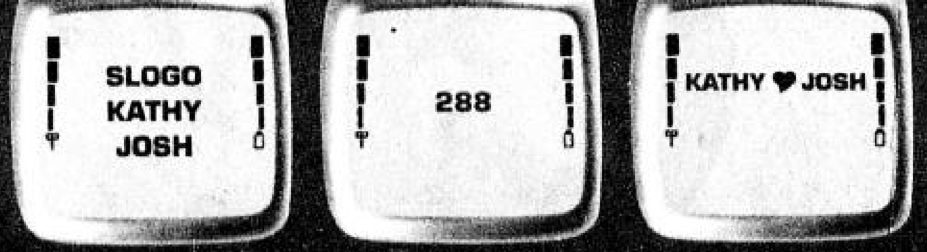

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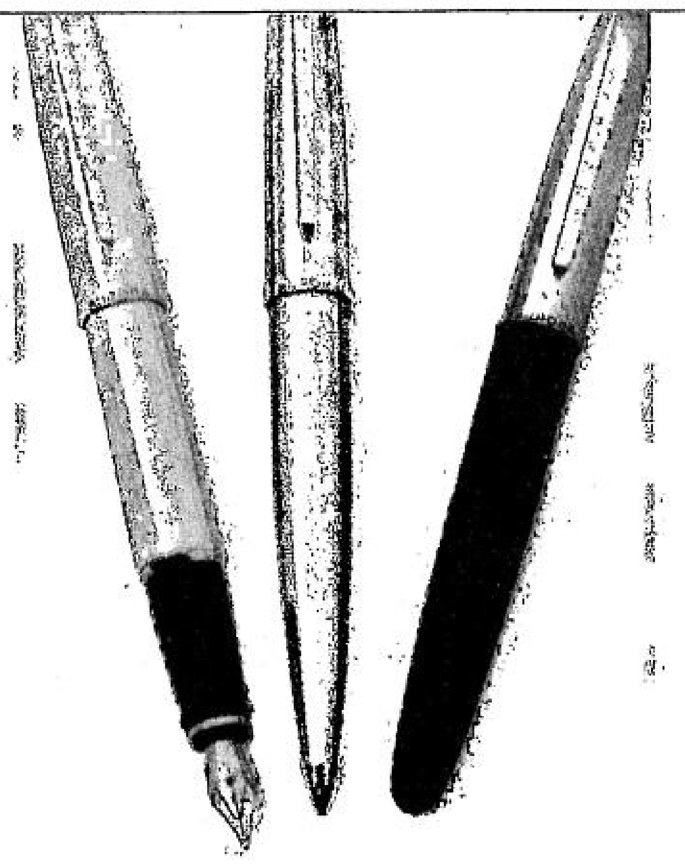

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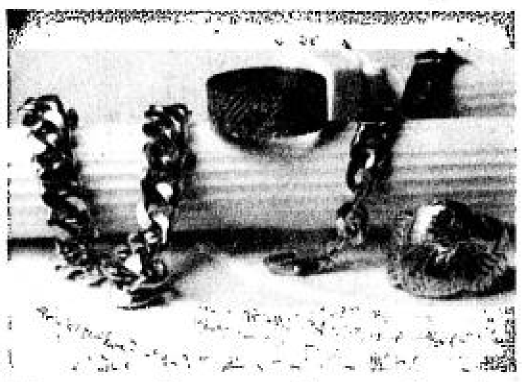

Dazzlers for dad

OCAMPO'S Gemologists and Jewelers offers a wide array of men's jewelry collections: gold rings in plain yellow or white gold or with diamond; bracelets in plain gold or with diamond; necklace with cross pendant; gold tie tacks or with diamond and gold cuff links.

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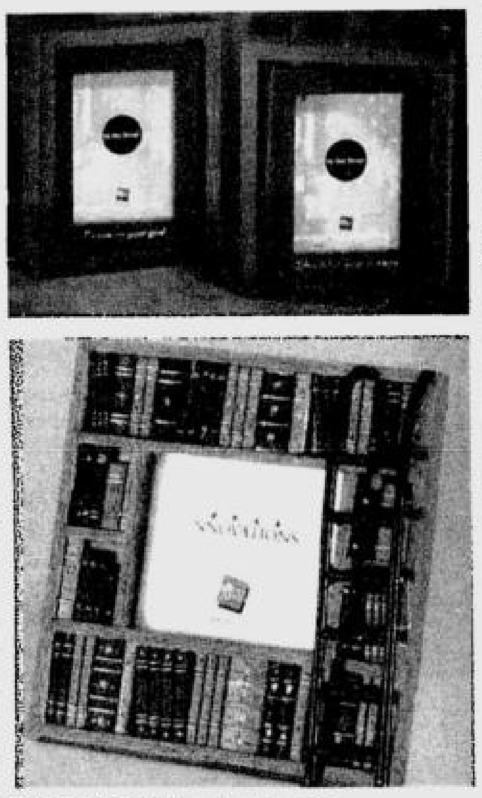

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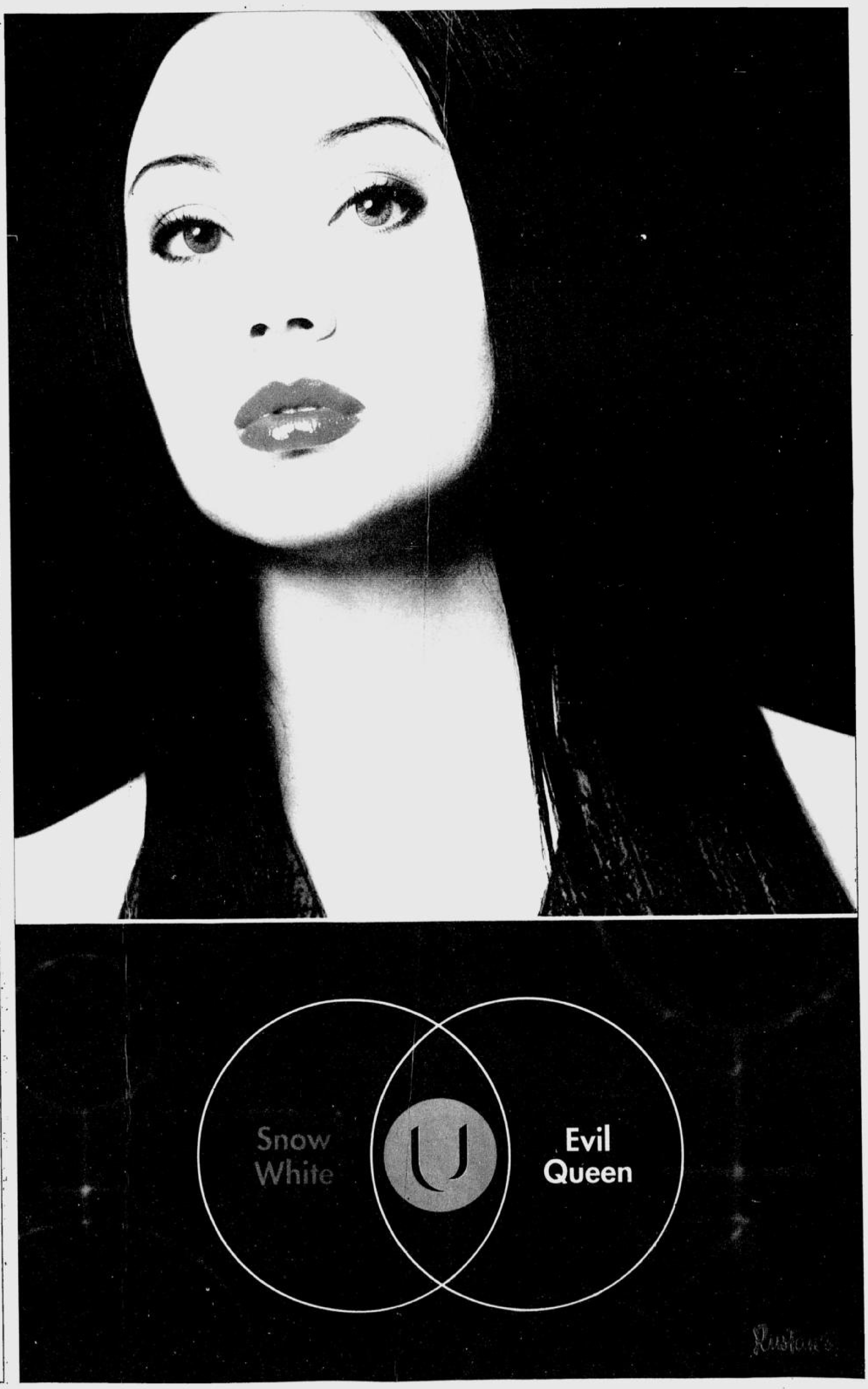

The evolution of fatherhood

In a little over a generation, paternal trends have changed. Today, fathers tend to spend more time with their kids and make it a point to be more than a visible presence in their children's growing-up years

By Cathy Babao Guballa

WE live in a matriarchal society where the father's role, more often than not, is limited to that of provider and protector. Back in the '70s and '80s, fathers who change diapers, go to the grocery, read bedtime stories were a breed totally unheard of. In the '90s, urban fathering patterns and trends began to take a change for the better. Much has been written about the importance of a mother's role in the family, but only in the last decade have there been studies and books which address the father's role in the development of the child.

Dr. Fitzhugh Dodson, noted clinical psychologist and author of the book "How to Father," explains that "a growing child needs a model for feminine behavior and a model for masculine behavior. One parent cannot possibly play both roles. Some aspects of fatherhood are interchangeable with similar aspects of motherhood. But certain phases are unique to the father and only he can play that part of the parental role. If he fails to fulfill this role, his wife cannot take over and do the job no matter how good a mother she is."

It is therefore heartening to see that today so many more urban fathers have made a conscious effort to take active roles in the rearing of their children. Many schools in Metro Manila now conduct effective parenting seminars where a marked rise in the attendance by fathers has been noted. Some private boy's schools create activities, for example, camping nights, that provide for fathers and sons to bond for 24-48 hours away from mom's hovering presence.

Marked changes

Things were not always this way. In a comparative study conducted on "urban fathering" by University of Asia and the Pacific professor and family education specialist Esther J. Esteban, several positive and marked changes have been noted. The research compared the differences in fathering practices, attitudes and perceptions among fathers in 1981 and 18 years later, in 1999.

An open-ended survey questionnaire was administered to both sets of fathers (of children in the preschool, elementary and high school levels) in a private coeducational school in Metro Manila. There were a total of 94 respondents in 1981 and 120 respondents in 1999. Six variables were surveyed: Time spent with child; exercise of authority; kinds of punishment; topics of conversation; kinds of joint activities; and perceived threats to family solidarity and fathering. The results are as follows.

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URBAN FATHERING: practices, attitudes, perceptions

VARIABLE	1981	1999
Time spent with child	45 percent of respondent of preschool and grade school fathers spend two to four hours on weekdays with sons and daughters. On weekends, 43 percent spend more than nine hours daily with preschool and grade school child. The trend is to spend less time with the high school student during weekdays and weekends.	On weekdays, fathers are spending more time: 68 percent spend two to four hours with preschool child; at the grade school level, 60 percent spend two to four hours with daughters, and 70 percent spend two to four hours with sons. On weekends, the trend is to spend five to nine hours with the preschool and grade school child. In high school, the trend is the same as 1981.
Exercise of authority	50 percent of the respondents do **not** believe that parental authority should be shared with the wife.	98 percent believe that authority **should** be shared with the wife in a spirit of democratic consensus.
Kinds of punishment	50 percent of the respondents believe in corporal punishment.	99.7 percent do **not** believe in corporal punishment.
Topics of conversation	Most important at all age levels: School work and stories; values are discussed only at the grade school levels.	Most important at all age levels with sons: Moral and spiritual values; with daughters in the grade school and high school levels: Values and "boy-girl relations."
Kinds of joint activities	Most important at preschool: Playing together, e.g. sports with grade school sons and games with grade school daughters; conversation In high school: Outings.	Most important at all levels with sons: Multimedia related activities; with daughters: games, media-related activities and "malling."
Perceived threats to family solidarity and fathering	1. Weakness and failure to uphold values and family customs 2. Problems related to modernization, e.g. materialism, urbanization 3. Negative influence of media	1. Negative influence of multimedia, e.g. videos, computer games, Internet 2. Influence of peer group, like drugs 3. Same problems related to modernization, including crimes; information overload; pollution

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Esteban further cites several environmental circumstances, conditions and issues that currently affect Filipino fathering as: The rising cost of living and unemployment, longer working hours, an increase in the number of working mothers, an increase in marital breakups and multimedia which projects values counter to family stability and solidarity. Truly we live in much more complicated times and the task of parenting, be it fathering or mothering, has become much more difficult to accomplish.

Role reversal

Back in 1995, McCann-Erickson conducted a study on the Metro Manila male and the issue of role reversal, which had its roots in economics and the rising cost of living, was cited. "Economics have given the Metro Manila male new roles in the household. With half of Metro Manila women now working, more and more men of the house are learning to be just that: Men of the house. They do house cleaning, shop at supermarkets, even wet markets, cook meals, do laundry, and care for the kids... The disappearance of household help have changed traditional lifestyles and by necessity, men have become increasingly involved in erstwhile female turf."

In a study of 100 excellent families in the United States, Ray Guarendi, clinical psychologist and author of "Back to the Family," sought to assess families' long-term experiences and reasons for happiness. Basically, Guarendi concludes that unconditional love, trust and truth and traditional values are the foundations of families who attain excellence. He further emphasizes those fathers "bring a unique presence, a special strength to raising children which is very different from that of a mother." Guarendi asserts that fathers fulfill their roles best when:

- They show affection and love. "In strong families, fathers who had problems expressing affection made special efforts to show it." They also showed affection openly to their wives, thereby reassuring their children.
- They spend time with their children. "What kids most remember about their father is his simple presence... some of the most important memories kids latch on to about their dads evolve from routine moments in family life."
- They see the world through a child's eyes "They go back to their own childhood and begin to understand why so many things are mysterious, frightening or even funny to a child."
- They set limits. "Discipline is one of the most loving, durable gifts a parent can give a child whatever its form. When discipline was exacted fairly and against a background of love, kids profited by it and said so."

Fathers, just like mothers, certainly have their work cut out for them and like any other profession, its duties should be fulfilled with great dedication, diligence and passion. The rewards that come after the work is complete, unlike other careers, are immeasurable.

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ISRAELI Ambassador Irit Ben Abba, Piba-Cebu president Vivina Chiu Yrastorza and US Consular agent John Domingo

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GIL Sheinbaum and Millie Sembrano

Hawaiian luau, Chinese lauriat and one lucky evening

Cebu Cebu

Jaime Picornell

GUIMO and **Inday Blanco** (nee Briones) were feted with a Hawaiian luau by their friends to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. It was held at the poolside of **Tina Unchuan**'s home in White Sands, with everyone in floral prints cheering as the golden couple cut the wedding cake.

"We didn't have one when we eloped," said Inday, who recalled how, after Guimo and she got married at the parish church in Bacoor, Cavite, he went back to his school and she went home, waiting for the most auspicious occasion to tell her parents, Senator and Ms **Manuel C. Briones**. That was in 1951 and her dad was the president Pro-Tempore of the Philippine Senate.

Ever the romantic, Guimo regaled his friends with the vicissitudes Inday, he and their children had reenacting their wedding this year in Bacoor, and then searching for the original Max Fried Chicken in Timog, QC, wondering if it was still there, to relive their wedding lunch. It's still there, all right.

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Millie Sembrano organized an exquisite lauriat at the Grand Majestic to honor dear friends **Gil** and **Inger Sheinbaum**, who now live in Virginia. Gil was the American Consul in Cebu in the early 1980s, and Inger, a nurse by profession, did a lot of volunteer work in Cebu hospitals.

The Sheinbaums have kept in touch with their Cebu friends by visiting frequently. On this occasion, they stayed at the home of **Enrique** and **Lulu Aboitiz**. The night of Millie's party there was another special occasion to celebrate, the 30th wedding anniversary of doctors **George** and **Purie Onate**, the Sheinbaums' dearest friends in Cebu.

Farrah Guisadio, **Lellene Schnabel** and **Jenny Franco** have opened Café Euro, patterned after a Viennese coffee shop, and offering the best coffee there is—Meinl. Also the most generous (as in heaping) portions of Vienna specialties which Lellene has learned. Opening day was a grand occasion with a very special person present—**Milos Nakecinovic**, who flew in from Vienna with a bunch of friends.

Lellene is a doctor and practices in Vienna where she has returned. But before her departure, she and Farrah and Jenny held another party at Café Euro, this time to introduce their whole range of pastries.

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Israel's Ambassador **Irit Ben Abba** celebrated the 53rd anniversary of the State of Israel with an elegant reception at the ballroom of the Cebu City Marriott Hotel. Doing the introductions at the reception line was Dr. **Vivina Chiu Yrastorza** who is president of the Philippines-Israel Business Association (Piba), Cebu chapter.

Also present was **Iaak Isaak** who we are told is the Israel Embassy's agricultural attaché. Next day, flower growers, vegetable growers and anyone else interested in what Isaak would impart gathered to learn how Israel has made otherwise barren desert land productive, prosperous and profitable.

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Speaking of National Days, **Reynaldo A. Concepcion**, Honorary Consul General of South Africa, marked it with a sit-down dinner at the Days Hotel in Mactan, very near the airport. Hotel staff **Randy Pambuan** (sales supervisor) and **Angelita Briones** (AVP for travel trade) made sure it was a memorable occasion. Many travel agents were present, each piled with brochures, underscoring the fact that there is a considerable number of travelers from the Visayas who go to South Africa.

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Standard Chartered Bank inaugurated its Priority Banking Center in Cebu at its premises in the PDI Building in Banilad. (PDI meaning Philippine Duplicators Inc. in this case). **Michael Go**, Standard Chartered's assistant vice president and head of the Cebu consumer banking division, stood welcoming everyone.

Anne Marie Durbin, Standard Chartered's chief executive officer in the Philippines, came to Cebu to cut the ceremonial ribbon along with **Fred Saarlos** who is global head of distribution and priority banking based in Singapore. Also cutting the ribbon were former Cebu Gov. **Lito Osmeña**, **Encarnacion Calagos**, **Roysten** and **Elilsa Bruce**. Rev. Fr. **Ernesto Javier**, SJ, officiated the blessing.

A grand cocktail party followed at the Marriott Hotel where the keynote speech was delivered by **Warren Ranglan**, global product head of the Wealth Department. From Manila came **Tony Robles**, **Ajay Kanwal**, **Tonette de los Reyes**, **Leslie Cham** and **Joyce Lim**. From the Cebu office were **Jane Gocuan**, **Joanna Castro**, **Pat Rodriguez** and **Weinifer Cinco**.

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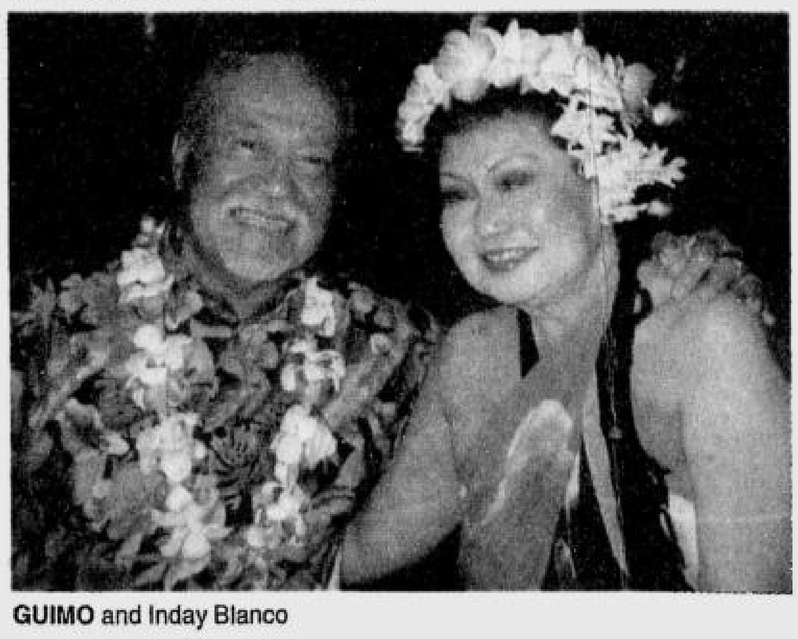
Same night as the Standard Chartered Bank party was the awards party of Northwest Airlines citing the top travel agents from Visayas and Mindanao. This was at the Peninsula Beach of the Plantation Bay resort in Mactan, with a South Seas theme, so that everyone wore leis, and one brave soul (bless him) ventured to come in a grass skirt, which he happily shed to splash in the water. So sultry was the evening!

Giving those awards were **Laurie Lofgren**, GM of Northwest for the Philippines, Guam and Micronesia; and **Gina Campos**, GM of Interpacific Transit Inc., which is the NW general sales agent. From Northwest-Manila came **Gary Argawal** and **Candy Jacinto Ochoa**; while from ITI were **Mars Austria** and **Mark Abastillas**.

The Cebu NW/ITI girls were at their most effusive—**Cherry Callelero**, **Cora Ortiz**, **Jiji Jumao-as**, **Anne Chan**, **Ella Mae Lim** and **Lani Su**.

Suzette Gabutina and **Mary Ann Tabucabaon** collected the top prize for Destination Specialists. Closely following were **Ting Castells** for Amigo Travel (Iloilo), **Karen Tan** for Titan Travel (Cagayan de Oro), **Lito Tan** for CMTan (Davao), **Marielou Pintor** for Grand Holidays and **Marilou Ordoñez** for Delmar Travel. No one came to collect the 7th prize that went to House of Travel in Davao, but **Sheila Colmenares** was there for Leisure Travel, **Macrina Fuentes** for Orientwinds (Dumaguete City) and **Aida Uy** for Fortune Travel.

A ticket to any US destination was raffled to the media, and guess who won it? Read that travelogue when I make my booking.



GUIMO and Inday Blanco

Somewhere between ...

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can really do is wish for the economy to jumpstart and twiddle his thumbs.

So who is the modern Filipino male? Is he a social antagonist? Could he be a Makati kid hanging out at Venezia ordering tequilas? Is he the UP student looking for his heritage? Or is he the online geek wishing for the American dream?

Could he be all these?

He is the social product of Spain and America. His economy is in ruin, but he enjoys a good movie just as anybody else. And his identity lies somewhere vaguely between the East and West.

Only time will tell if he will once again be like the Filipino of old: Gentlemanly and proud. Or will he be of a new and improved Hollywood breed; fast-paced and rough. Maybe both? The choice is up to him.

Store has your favorite Toon characters

CARTOON character lovers, who want their favorites near enough in every way possible, should check out the Cartoon Studio.

They can have their favorite toon denizen in mugs, shirts, bags, toys, backpacks and apparel. Cartoon Studio offers a fresh, new twist in retailing by combining a rich array of licensed cartoon character brands under one roof.

Each store carries high-quality cartoon merchandise from well-known brands like Disney, Looney Tunes and Warner Bros. at reasonable prices.

The store's kid-friendly design featuring colorful cartoon characters, ample lighting and unique layout manned by courteous personnel promises to make each trip a memorable and pleasant experience.

Cartoon Studio stores are located at SM Megamall, Robinsons Place Manila, Sta. Lucia East Mall, SM North Edsa, SM Manila, Festival Mall Alabang and Ayala Center Cebu.

Offensive commercials turn off consumers

THE CONSUMER

Marietta Velasco Giron

DON'T think that Filipino viewers are insensitive to gross commercials. They do complain about ads they find offensive, like the following examples: a deworming product that shows a ballet student scratching her bottom; a dental care brand featuring somebody with finger inside the mouth; a food product with a man barfing out loud and proud; or that sink and toilet bowl cleaning product focusing on squiggling worms.

This time the talk of the town is a toilet paper commercial. After receiving calls and text messages, we now get an e-mail from a concerned viewer who is calling on the Advertising Board of the Philippines and the Kapisanan ng mga Brodkasters ng Pilipinas to ban the toilet paper commercial.

Lilia Sua of Villa España Subdivision, QC wrote: "The television commercial shows a decent-looking woman getting off a bus, running to the rice fields, suddenly squatting and answering the call of nature. The accompanying jingle rankles with the lyrics that sound like *sa bukid walang papel, ikiskis sa pilapil*.

"The implication is degrading to us females. Are we dogs to *kiskis sa pilapil*? Women, in particular, should demand the ban or withdrawal of this commercial."

We agree wholeheartedly with Sua, so we called the KBP (815-1992), which knew right away before we could even cite the brand, what commercial we were talking about. I. Abalos told us to bring our complaint to the AdBoard. Obviously, it is the AdBoard that decides what action to take and it is the KBP that implements the AdBoard's decision.

So, join us dear readers in calling the attention of the AdBoard to this kind of ad. We televiewers deserve better commercials. Send letters to Oscar T. Valenzuela, executive director, AdBoard, Suite 6A DAO I Condominium, 189 Salcedo St., Legaspi Village, Makati City.

Chinese commercials on Destiny channels

SOME non-Chinese subscribers of Destiny Cable may not be bothered by the numerous Chinese commercials shown on favorite channels like the HBO, Hallmark and Star Movies. But we are quite annoyed by these ads that don't make any sense to us.

What is even worse is that some movie trailers are dubbed in Chinese. Most of the time, these are subtitled in Chinese that are unwelcome distractions to us.

They certainly diminish out pleasure in watching our favorite cable TV programs. In the first place, most of the products are not available locally. In the second place, we don't read Chinese nor do we understand the language.

Cell phone woes

TAKE this advice from cell phone owner Shelby Payne of Don P. Campos Avenue, Dasmariñas, Cavite. If you just had your phone repaired, check your next phone bill. You may be charged for unauthorized calls made while your phone was in the repair shop.

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Shelby also complained, "People calling from a Globe phone cannot get through to my Smart line most of the time. When I answer the call, the line is usually cut off. And when I complain to Smart, they say the problem is with Globe."

Damaged film is irreparable

ON JUNE 3, 10 a.m., Armando V. de Jesus Jr. <violadj@ihpc.net>, gave a roll of film to Kameraworld SM North for processing. It contained memorable shots of his children while they were in the United States last May for a vacation.

When he returned to the shop after two hours, however, he was told the film was damaged. De Jesus said he wrote a letter of complaint and gave it to the officer-in-charge of the store.

Six days later, he received the following reply from the branch manager. "As explained to you... said roll of film was accidentally damaged due to machine damage, which was beyond our control. All efforts had been exerted to save your film, but to no avail. In our line of business, every roll of film entrusted to us by our customers is of great value, thus we handle each job with utmost care."

De Jesus asked: "What are the rights of consumers in this case? This branch did not only destroy a mere film, but it destroyed precious memories. They blame it entirely on the machine. Who will protect countless consumers in cases like these?"

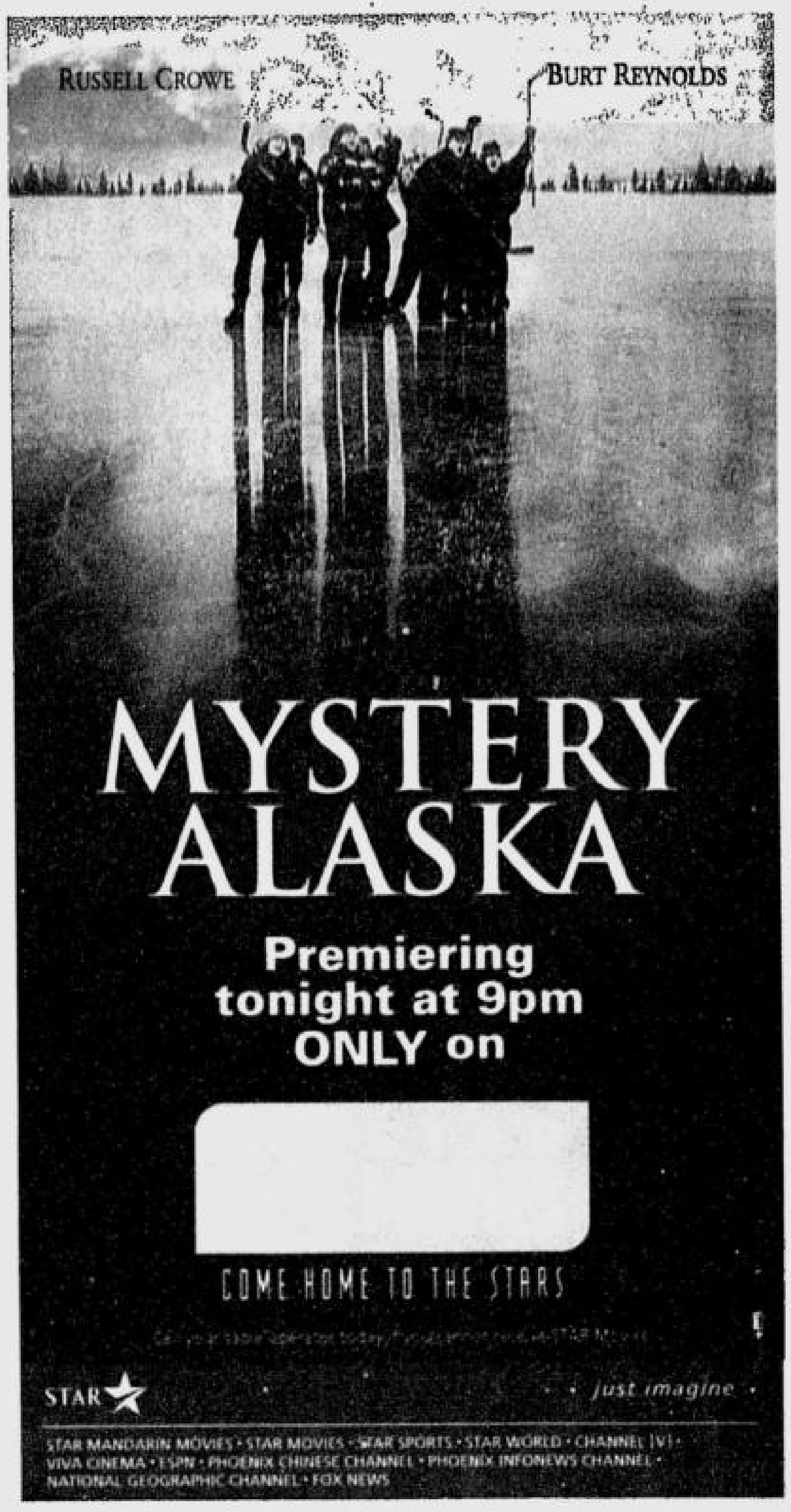
Cabs have no window risers

NORMAN Ray E. Villamayor wrote: "I noticed that many air-conditioned taxis have missing window risers (or they have risers that passengers don't know how to operate). In cases of emergencies, there is no way for passengers, especially if they panic, to open the windows. Of course, they have the option of opening the car doors, but some cabs have locks that don't work. Shouldn't the Land Transportation Office look into this?"

Send consumer complaints and comments to mgiron@csi.com.ph

'Kiddie Karnival' launching

EDSA Shangri-La Manila holds "Kiddie Karnival," the first ever one-stop-shop children's party fair, on June 24 at the Garden Ballroom. The whole day interactive fair features party themes and concepts, toys and play houses, decorations, invitations, giveaways, entertainment, children's fashion and costumes and other services. Children and adults can participate in a creativity workshop with red clay art (clay molding), coloring, skin art (face painting), decorative art for walls and wood painting courtesy of True Value. Other attractions include a playground with kiddie slides, playhouses and ride-on cars from Little Tykes, a puppet show and storytelling by well-loved "Batibot" characters, an activity area to be set up by Little Gym, clown acts and stimulated rides from Enchanted Kingdom, and a health and beauty bar for tots. Goody bags and giveaways are also in store for lucky participants. Admission is free. Call 636-9092.



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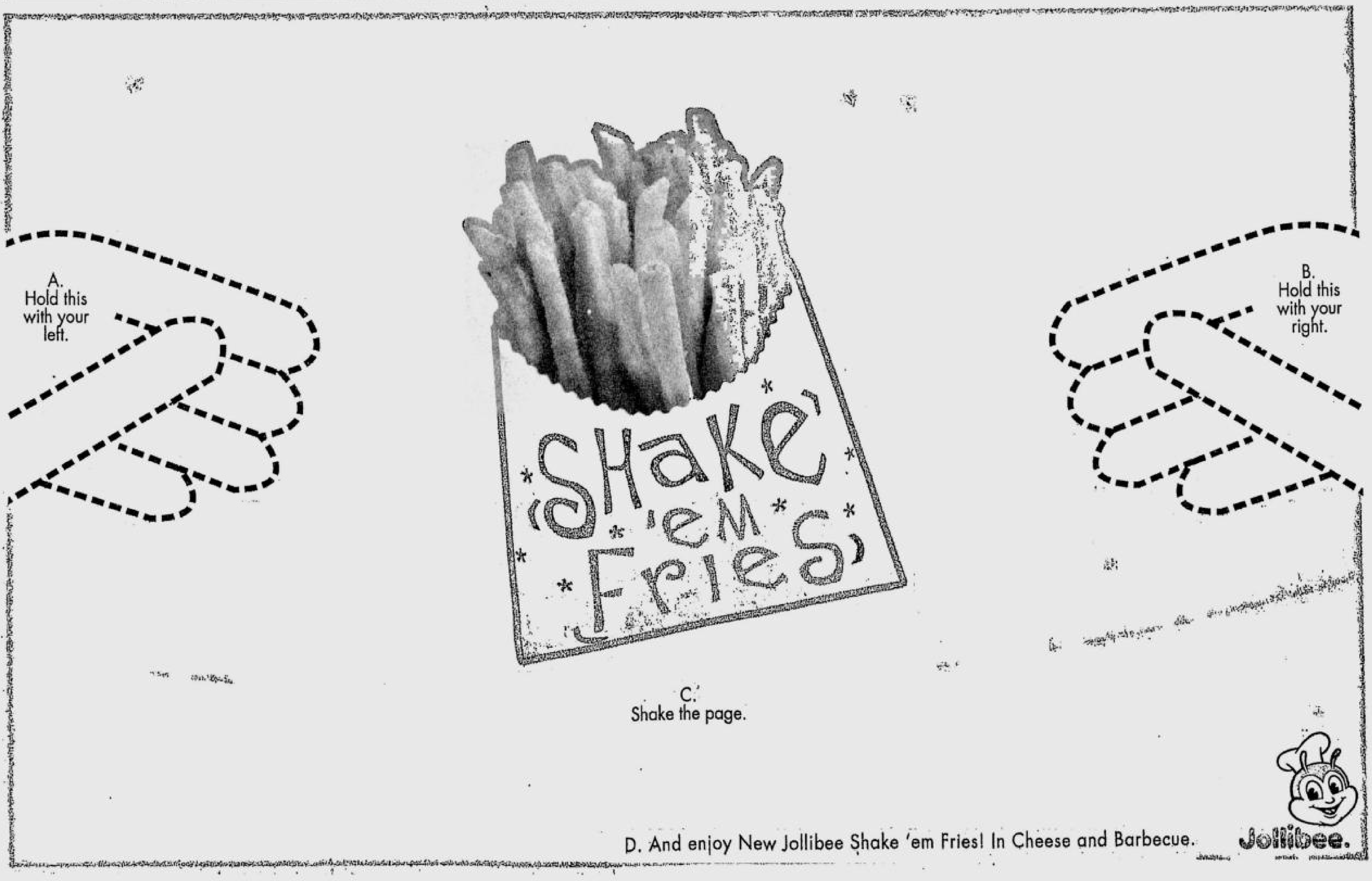

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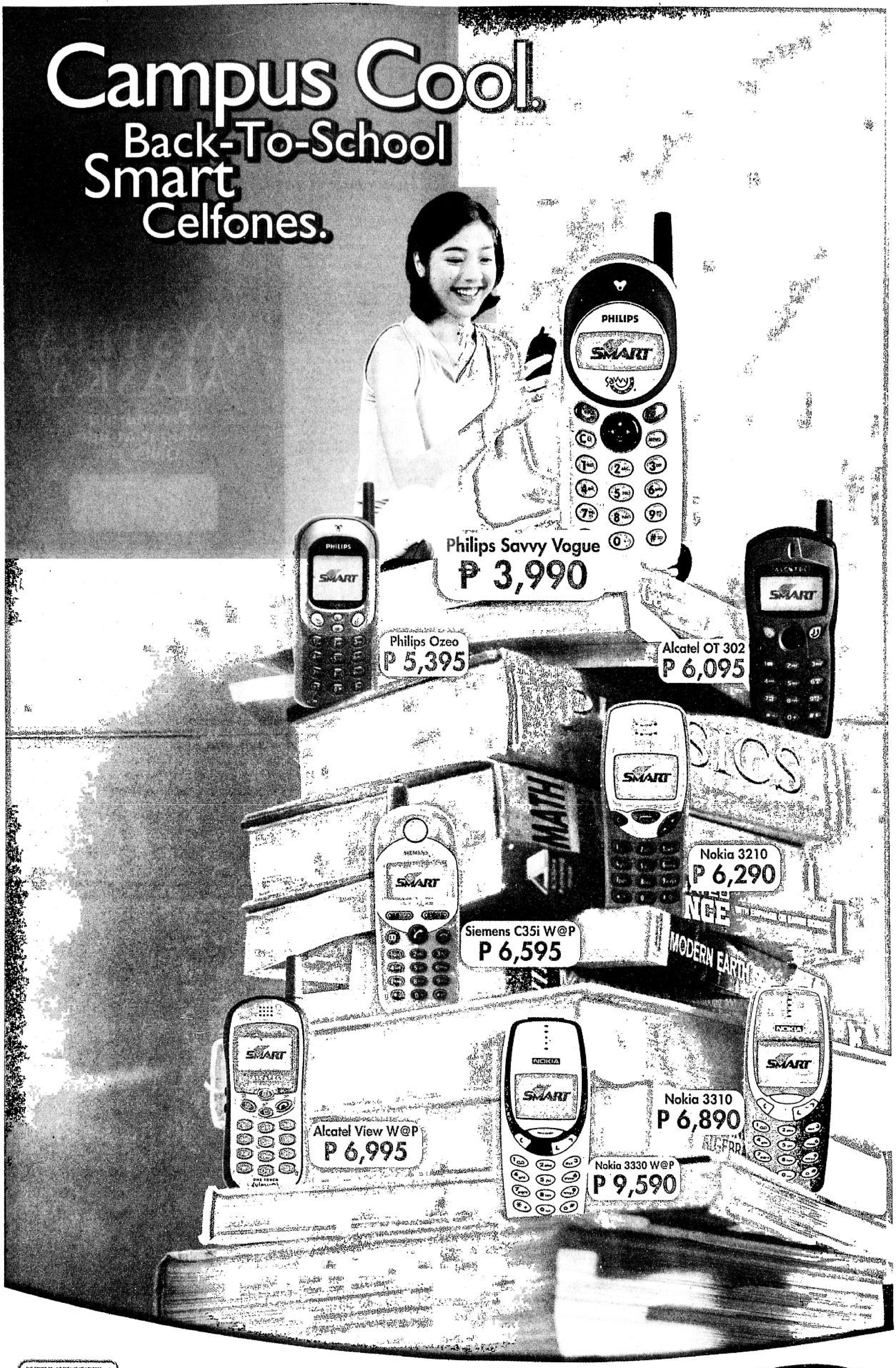

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Sunday **LIFESTYLE**

Weddings, Engagements

Couple opts for country-style wedding to be different

By Donnie C. Ramirez

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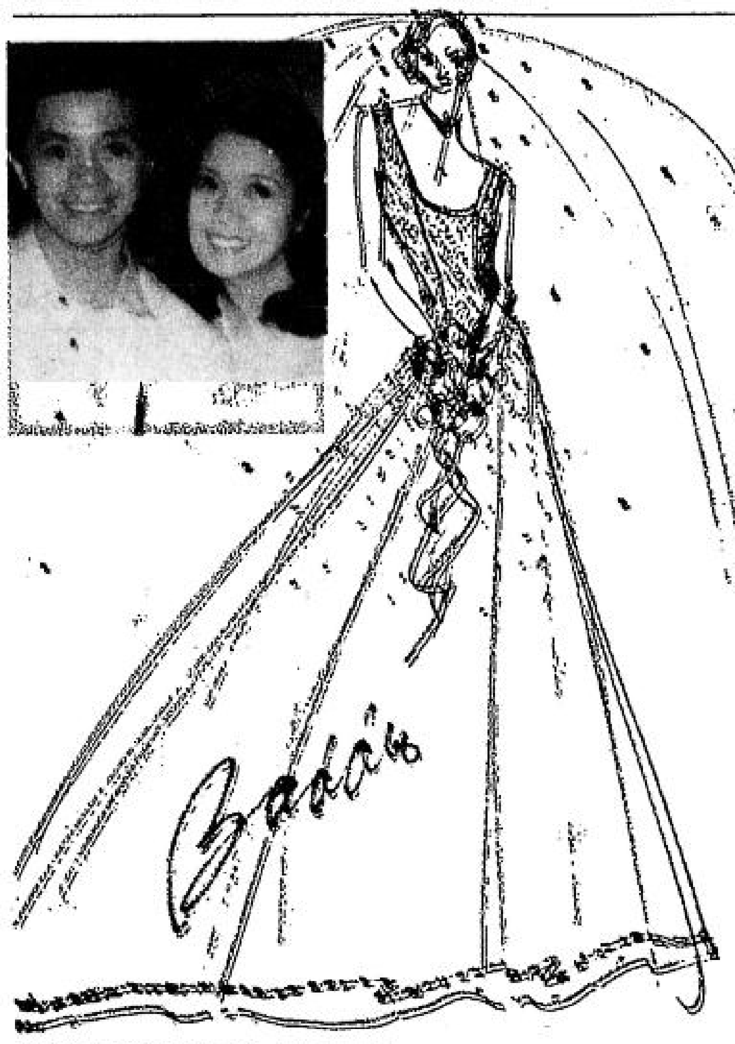


MARANAN-VILLANUEVA

Cindy V. Villanueva, daughter of **Leandro** and **Remedios Villanueva**, will exchange "I dos" with **Rustum M. Maranan**, son of **Romeo** and **Nori Maranan**, on June 24 at the Shrine of Jesus The Way, The Truth and The Life in Pasay City. Reception will follow at the Quezon Ballroom of Makati Shangri-La.

Stylist **Eric Maningat** will do the hair and makeup. The bride will wear a pearl white, princess-cut, sleeveless square neckline gown, designed and executed by **Eddie Baddeo**. The bodice, embellished with caviar and sugar beads, has a four-meter detachable train. Baddeo also made the ensembles in flaming orange gowns for the bridal entourage.

DIMAANO-LOBO

Randy Dimaano, son of **Artemio** and **Vivencia Dimaano**, and **Dulce Corazon Lobo**, daughter of **Rogelia Pedrina vda. de Lobo**, will exchange vows today at San Sebastian Cathedral, Lipa City. Reception will follow at the bride's residence in Talisay, Lipa City.

MARTINEZ-GUEVARRA

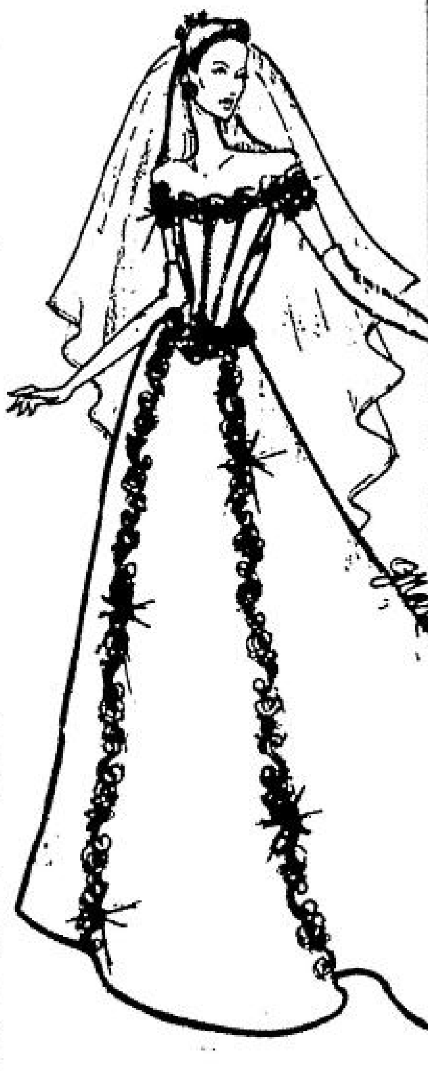
Redgienald Martinez, son of **Tito** and **Norma Martinez** of San Carlos, Pangasinan, will marry Dr. **Ma. Cristina Guevarra**, daughter of **Fabian** and **Felisa Guevarra** of Pulang Lupa, Las Piñas City, on June 28 at the Mary Mother of the Church, BF Resort Village, Las Piñas City. Reception will follow at Italia Clubhouse on Capitoline Street.

CAGUYONG-BAUTISTA

Eugene Caguyong, son of **Antonio Sr.** and **Haydie Caguyong**, will wed **Mavic Bautista**, daughter of **Eduardo** and **Victoria Bautista**, on June 23 at Sto. Domingo Church, QC. Reception will be held at Aberdeen Court.

LAPITAN-MESA

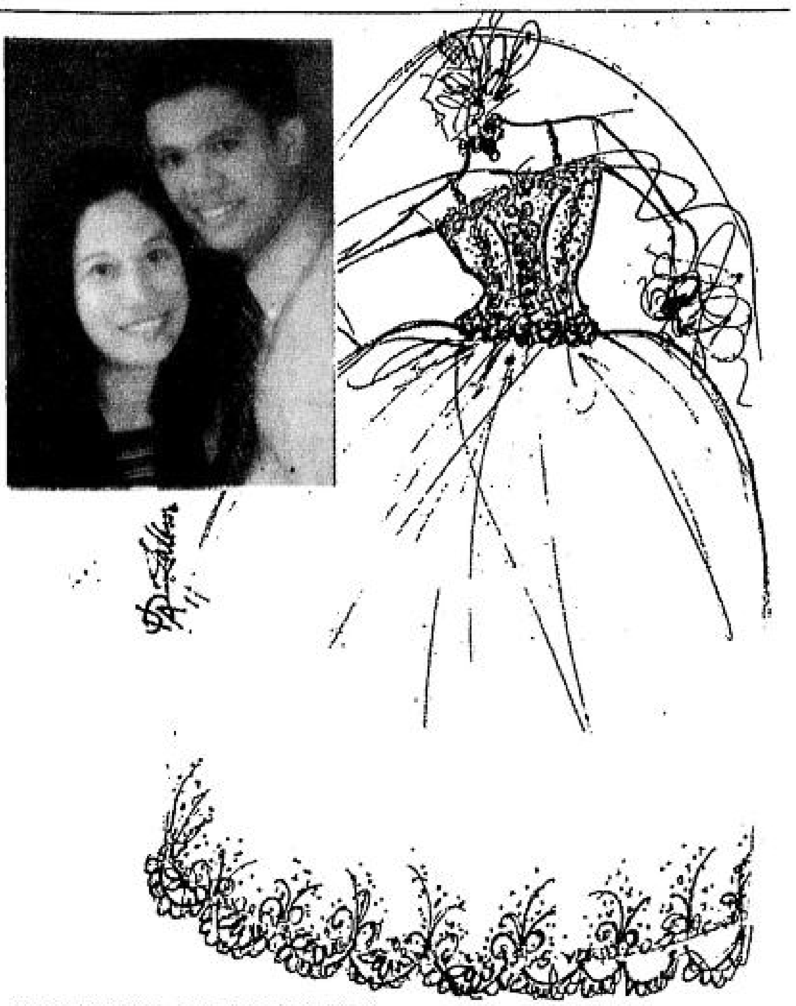
Jeff Lapitan, son of Mr. and Ms **Anselmo Lapitan**, will exchange vows with **Shiela Mesa**, daughter of Mr. and Ms **Gerardo Mesa**, in a Christian ceremony on June 22 at the Garcia Villa-Balmori Function Room of The Peninsula Manila. Reception will follow at the same venue.



LASERNA-SANCHEZ

Che-Che Sanchez, daughter of **Rodolfo and Nenita Sanchez**, will tie the knot with Dr. **Andy Laserna**, son of Dr. **Leodegario** and **Alicia Laserna**, on June 29 at Christ the King Church, Greenmeadows, QC.

The bride will don a creation by designers **Jontie and Nicky Martinez** in cream duchess satin. The off-shoulder boned bodice and skirt are adorned with cord-embroidered lace in scroll motif beaded with minute pearls, nacre beads and sequins.

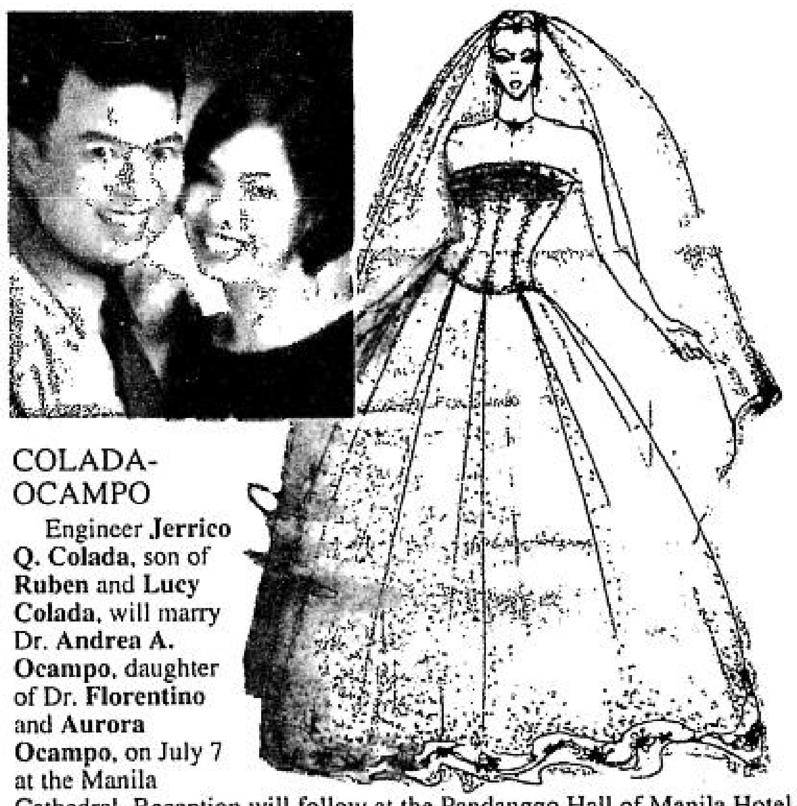


BINANCILAN-GRANADA

Oliver Binancilan, son of **Amparo vda. de Binancilan**, will exchange marriage vows with **Anelyn Granada**, daughter of **Antonio** and **Erlinda Granada**, on June 25 at the Santa Ana Parish Church. The bride will wear a creation of Davao's **Joel D. Alburo** which features a princess-cut skirt and beaded hemline accented with flowers and vines, pearls, rhinestones and glass beads.

DEOGRACIAS-ORTIZ-LUIS

Aileen Ortiz-Luis will marry **Norbert Michael Deogracias** on July 10 at the St. James the Great Parish Church, Ayala Alabang, Muntinlupa City. Reception will follow at The Peninsula Manila. Aileen is the daughter of **Leo** and **Mila Ortiz-Luis** of Hillsborough, Alabang, Muntinlupa City. Norbert is the son of **Joel** and **Belen Deogracias** of Philamlife Village, Las Piñas City.



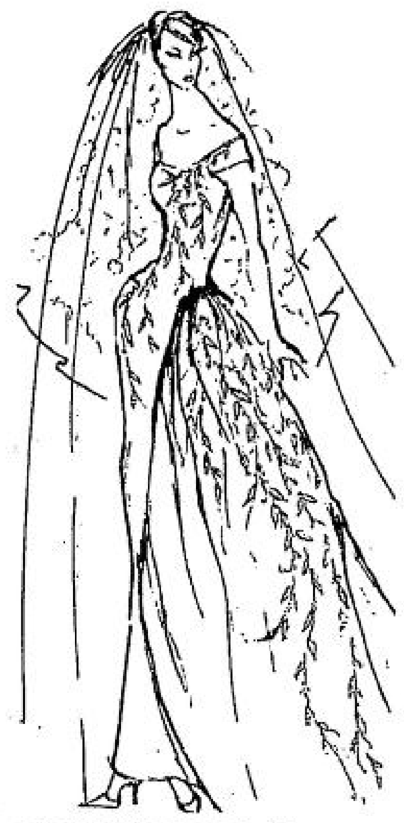
COLADA-OCAMPO

Engineer **Jerrico Q. Colada**, son of **Ruben** and **Lucy Colada**, will marry Dr. **Andrea A. Ocampo**, daughter of Dr. **Florentino** and **Aurora Ocampo**, on July 7 at the Manila Cathedral. Reception will follow at the Pandanggo Hall of Manila Hotel.

The bride will wear an off-white gown with a tube top made of heavy silk satin with rhinestones, crystals and cut beads by **Yongco Claro**.

PERALTA-CASTILLO

Dr. **Dorbien Neil R. Peralta**, son of **Dominador** and **Emily Joy Peralta**, exchanged vows with lawyer **Nimia T. Castillo**, daughter of **Manuel** and **Purita Castillo**, on June 9, 5 p.m., at the Baguio City First United Methodist Church, Baguio City. The officiating ministers were Rev. Dr. **Homer Wesley O. Refuerzo** and Rev. Dr. **Jaime P. Tabingo**. Reception followed at the Baguio Country Club. The bride wore a silver-gray gown created by **Edwin Uy**.



DE JESUS-PARRAS

Luis Conrado D. de Jesus exchanged wedding vows with **Patricia Paula Ann A. Parras** on May 12 at St. Paul's, Davao City. The bride wore a column dress with detachable trail done in duchess satin adorned with glass and crystal beads in willow motif designed by **Otoy Mercado** of Kasuotan Davao.

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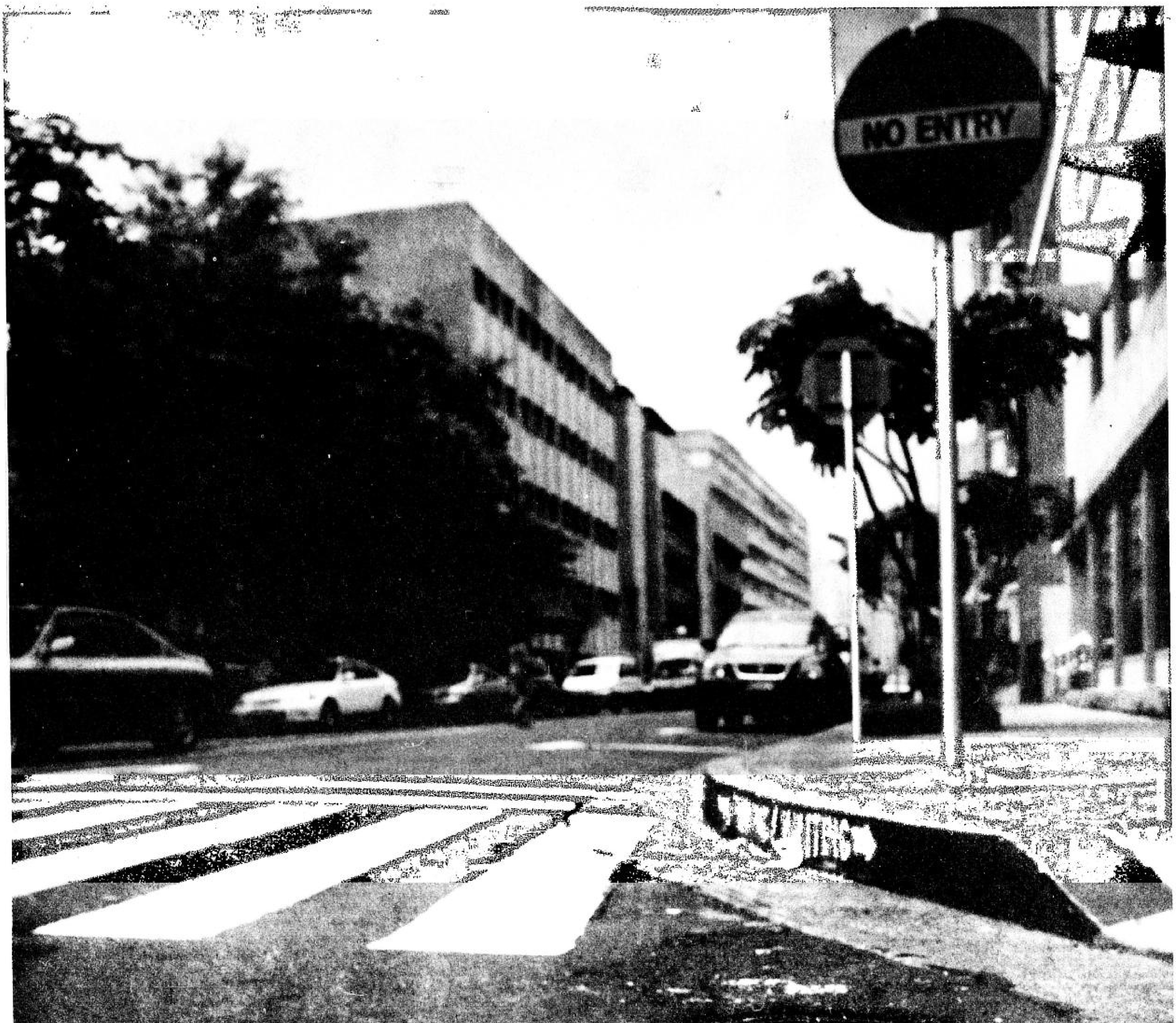
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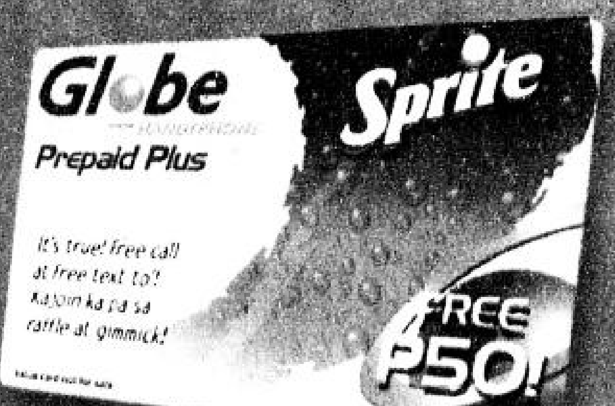
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THE NEWLYWEDS Deedee and Nono Mitra

THE NEWLYWEDS with April Anne Doroteo, Ma. Ysabelle Uy, Toni Mae Doroteo and Abigail Alcaraz

Wedding unites Batangas and Palawan families

BY JOSEPHINE DARANG

EVERYBODY adores a love story. The story of Joaquin Hernando "Nono" Mitra and Donna Marie "Deedee" Doroteo is about a whirlwind romance.

Nono met Deedee in October when a mutual friend, David Almeda, introduced them. Two months later, Nono proposed and was accepted although the wedding did not take place until May. Nono was in a hurry to get married. After all, he was 34.

But after waiting so long, why the rush? When I asked him, he said that he liked Deedee's simple ways, her simple tastes. She was not demanding at all. And he fell in love with her family.

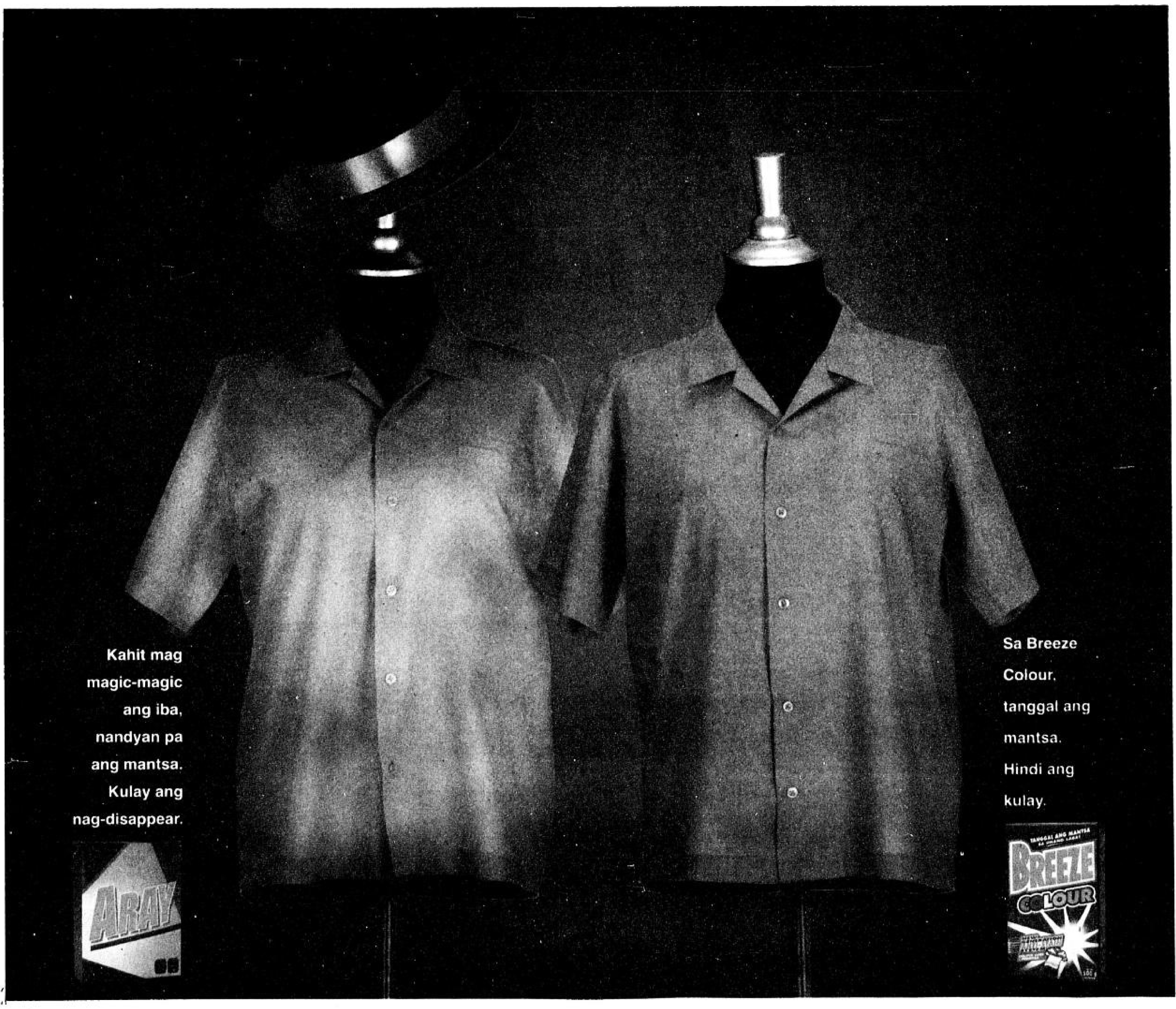
Deedee, 22, was a fresh graduate from Assumption. She did not have to wait too long to decide if she was going to marry Nono. Seven months after they met, they were ready to get married. Their mutual friend, Ito Curata, flew all the way from San Francisco to make the bridal gown, the gown of the bride's mother, Cristina Doroteo (who was a childhood friend of Ito in Batangas City), and those of the bridal entourage.

Nono, the fifth son of the late House Speaker Ramon Mitra and Cecile Mitra, took for his bride Deedee on May 4 at 6:30 p.m. at the Shrine of Jesus, the Truth, the Way and the Light before Archbishop Gaudencio Rosales. His brother, Baham, acted as best man, while Ma. Ysabelle Uy was the maid of honor.

The church was decorated with peach and white flowers. Q's Flowershop of Batangas City, with Willie Tongco as chief coordinator, also decorated the reception hall at the Makati Shangri-La. The bridal bouquet consisted of peach roses, orchids and aster.

It was a beautiful and romantic wedding — two young people in love who wanted to spend the rest of their lives together. The marriage united prominent families of Batangas and Palawan, although it was said that the late speaker's family originally came from Batangas.

The principal sponsors, some from Batangas,


Kahit mag magic-magic ang iba, nandyan pa ang mantsa. Kulay ang nag-disappear.

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WITH ITO Curata, Cynthia Torres and Abigail Alcaraz

were Justice Secretary Hernando Perez, congresswoman-elect Cynthia Villar, lawyer Gregorio Batiller Jr., Zenaida de Ocampo, Jose Lazaro, Ma. Violeta Arana, Venernado Carandang, and Pamela Alcaraz.

Bridesmaids were Abigail Alcaraz, Toni Mae Doroteo and April Anne Doroteo. Candle sponsors were Manuel Victor Arana and Katherine Marie Carandang; veil sponsor was Kristian Anthony Doroteo; and cord sponsors were Nicole Sy and Aimee Alcaraz.

Jose Angelo Uy carried the ring and coin, while Eduardo Jose Mitra Jr. brought the Bible. Flower girls were Estelle Louise Uy and Cecilia Elisha Mitra.

A good politician's wife

Although Nono is not a politician and breeds horses in the Mitra Farm in Sto. Tomas, Batangas for a living, his mother Cecile was heard to say that Deedee would make a good politician's wife. But Nono's brother Baham, the only unmarried among the six Mitra boys, might need one as he just won the congressional seat in Palawan.

The bride's parents, Antonio de Borja Doroteo and Cristina Borbon Uy Doroteo, were happy that their daughter has found her true love.

PRINCIPAL sponsor Zenaida de Ocampo and groom's mom Cecile Mitra

The pains of living with hard water.

Hard water. It may sound unfamiliar but chances are, you are in daily contact with the troubles it causes. Check out your chrome fixtures like faucets, sinks and shower heads. Can you see a layer of white film all over the surface? These are limescales. Oftentimes, limescales are mistaken as ordinary soap scum but these unsightly scales are actually alkaline stains that are caused by the fixtures' constant exposure to hard water.

So what exactly is hard water?

Hardness of water refers to its level of mineral content. When there is a higher content of calcium, magnesium and lime, water becomes harder. Kitchen surfaces like stainless steel sinks and bathroom fixtures like shower heads, drains, and even tiles are prone to the effects of hard water. After being exposed to a constant flow of mineral-rich water, these surfaces will soon be home to limescales.

The sure cure for limescales.

Limescales, when left to grow, may become solidified mineral deposits that can clog faucet mouths and showerheads. When this happens, the flow of water will be dramatically reduced. Also, limescales are generally difficult to get rid off. Some housewives fail to remove them even after vigorous scrubbing. In the end, they are left with untreated limescales and chrome fixtures that have turned dull due to scouring.

To beat limescales easily and effectively, use Cillit. With its advanced formula, Cillit works to neutralize then remove limescales and even rust stains. Cillit makes the job so easy that there is absolutely no need to scour. Thus, saving the beautiful polish of your fixtures. When you think you are living with hard water, defend yourself against the possible existence of limescales. Get Cillit.

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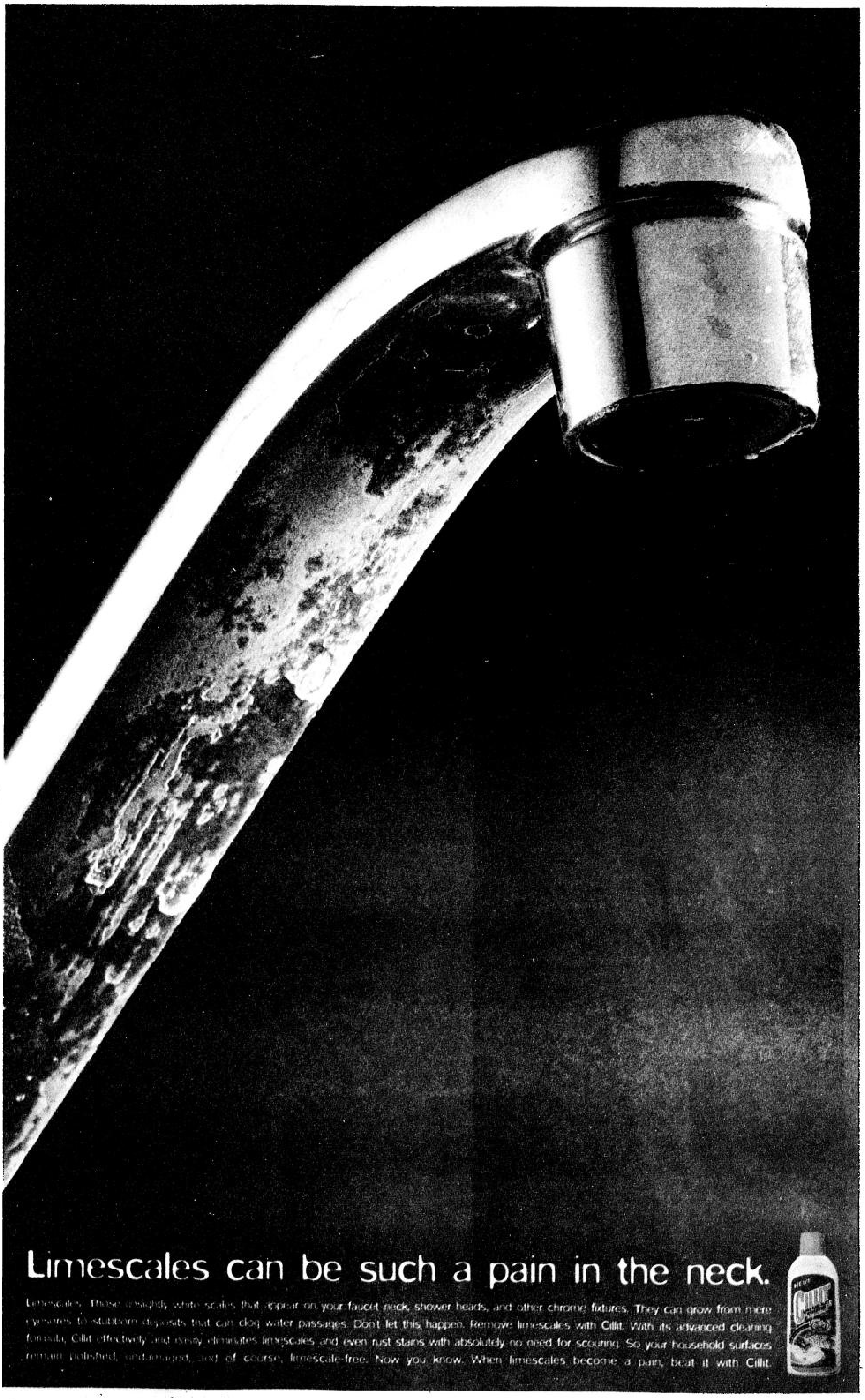

Limescales can be such a pain in the neck.

Limescales. Those unsightly white scales that appear on your faucet neck, shower heads, and other chrome fixtures. They can grow from mere eyesores to stubborn deposits that can clog water passages. Don't let this happen. Remove limescales with Cillit. With its advanced cleaning formula, Cillit effectively and easily eliminates limescales and even rust stains with absolutely no need for scouring. So your household surfaces remain polished, undamaged, and of course, limescale-free. Now you know. When limescales become a pain, beat it with Cillit.

THE NEWLYWEDS with principal sponsors (from left) Fe Rodriguez Niña Colayco, Evie Costa, Ching Cruz, Agnes Huibonhoa, Fortune Ledesma, Emma Sunga, Nonoy Colayco, Topax Colayco, Boy Cruz, Bobby Leonor, Ces Rodriguez, Ric Santos and Boy Rodriguez

Couple opts for country-style wedding to be different

NEWLYWEDS Lia and Jaycee Colayco

(From page E1)

coarse *abaca* twine knotted around it, the striking invitations evoked images of countryside serenity and pastoral beauty.

When they were planning their wedding, Jaycee and Lia decided to make their big day different. With the consent of their parents, they agreed to do it country-style, away from the hustle and bustle of the city. They found the perfect setting at the little chapel near the sprawling *hacienda* Central Azucarera de Don Pedro in Nasugbu, Batangas. The reception followed at the bride's family's magnificent summer estate in nearby Lian, which has an awesome view of the fabled Batangas beaches.

The groom is one of three sons of Jaime Joven Colayco and the former Josephine Ambrosio while the bride is one of five children of popular society couple Domingo and Nene Leonor. Jaycee graduated from the Ateneo and CRC and completed his master's degree in business management at the Asian Institute of Management. He is connected with the petroleum company Unioil. Lia studied at the Assumption College where she took up interior design. She is at present employed at Levi Strauss Philippines.

Lia wore a simple western-style gown of off-white silk taffeta with a long tulle veil designed by Paolo Basa. She held a bouquet of yellow tulips. Avant-garde stylist Jing Monis did her makeup. In keeping with the country ambience, the groom wore a barong Tagalog in full *callado*.

Despite the heat of the mid-afternoon sun, principal sponsors—all family members and long-time friends of the betrothed couple—kept their poise. The glamorous *ninangs* were Fe Rodriguez, Ching Cruz, Agnes Huibonhoa, Fortune Ledesma, Nina Romualdez-Colayco, Evie Costa, Lourdes Choa and Emma Sunga. Their male counterparts were Nonoy Colayco, Topax Colayco, Alfonso "Boy" Cruz Jr., Bobby Leonor, Ces Rodriguez, Rosalino Rodriguez and Ric Santos.

THE BRIDE'S parents Domingo and Nene Leonor

The bride's recently wed sister, Dina Villasor, was matron of honor, while bosom chum Bless Jingco was maid of honor. Best man was the groom's younger brother Joem Colayco. Secondary sponsors were Ella Camangyan, Melinda Sto. Domingo and Rita Acab, bridesmaids; Jonpy Colayco, Eric Lim and Raymond Babst, groomsmen, and Stacey Rodriguez, junior bridesmaid. Lea Marcos and Joel Garcia, Mia Leonor and Joey Reodica, and Gina Bonoan and JB Jimenez were candle, veil and cord sponsors, respectively. The little attendants were Angela Leonor and Molly Ambrosia, flower girls; Andrew Leonor, ring bearer, and Luigi Bonoan, coin bearer

The reception started with cocktails at the manicured lawn of the Ginger Hill vacation house of the Leonors, followed by dinner under a huge white tent on the hilltop gardens of Ces and Fe Rodriguez's fabulous country house. Clive de los Santos and Robert Blancaflor of 1816 Flowers festooned the paradise-like setting with hundreds of fresh tropical blooms. The guests dined on *lechon* and other Filipino specialties from Cabalen.

Many guests who drove from Manila stayed overnight. At breakfast the next day, Jaycee and Lia were noticeably missing. They were off on their honeymoon. Congratulations!

THE NEWLYWEDS with the groom's family, brother Joem, dad Jaime, mom Josie and youngest brother Jonpy

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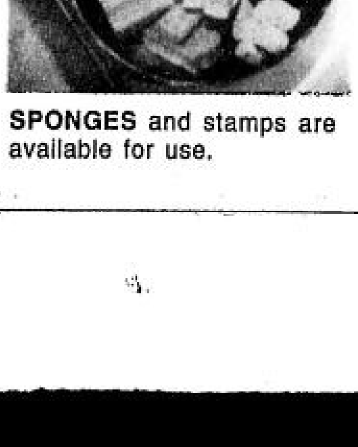
Bridal shower gifts with a personal touch



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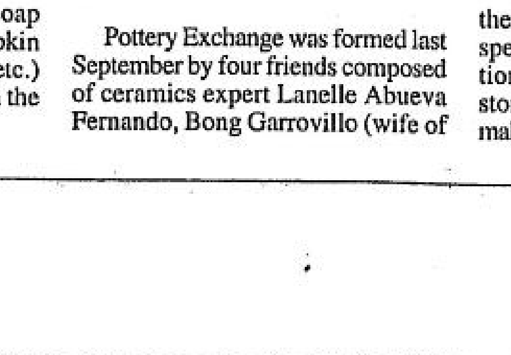

BAKED and glazed ceramics pieces from the shower

Pottery Exchange was formed last September by four friends composed of ceramics expert Lanelle Abueva Fernando, Bong Garrovillo (wife of APO's Buboy), Lydia Paredes (wife of APO's Jim) and Ruth Santiago (wife of Sonny, formerly with the APO).

As partners, the four have their own specializations. Bong and Ruth teach candle-making and polymer clay for making sculptured beads for bracelets and necklaces. Lanelle and Lydia teach hand-building and wheel pottery on stoneware.

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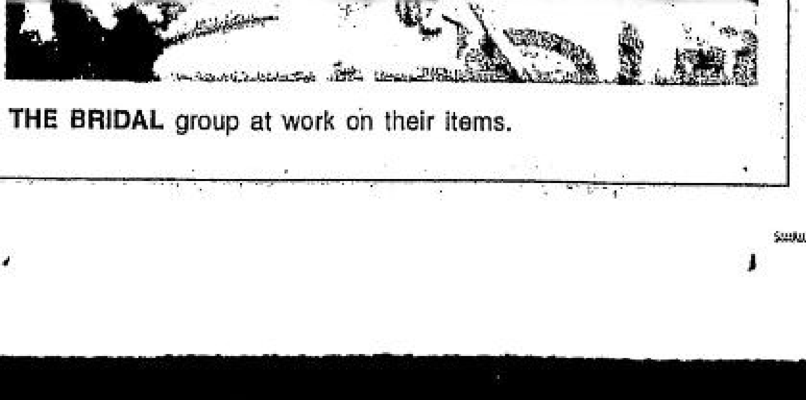

THE BRIDAL group at work on their items.

She wants what she can't have

LOVE NOTES

Joe D' Mango

DEAR Joe,

I've never told my story to anyone because they wouldn't understand what I did and why.

I work as a secretary to a doctor here in Manila. A lot of people tell me that I look like Dawn Zulueta. I have many suitors but I don't entertain them because I love my boyfriend and we already have plans for marriage. Our relationship is almost perfect and I couldn't ask for anything more until Al walked into my life.

He is newly wed and works as a medical representative for a leading drug company. He's tall and real good-looking. His cool, easy manner and sense of humor attracted me. We spent a lot of time together at the clinic where I work while he waited for the doctor. He knew about my boyfriend and I knew he was married but we didn't talk about it. We never discussed intimacy or love but we were attracted to each other.

I hated to admit that I was slowly falling in love with him. I knew it was wrong but nobody said anything about commitment. All I knew was that I was happy being with him and we really enjoyed each other's company. One afternoon, my boss had lunch with his wife. I was instructed to cancel his appointments, as he would not be back at the office until 4 p.m.

But Al stayed the whole afternoon and we enjoyed just being together. We were laughing and giggling when he suddenly stopped. He casually walked toward me, looked into my eyes, and then kissed me. For a moment I was speechless. I froze and just stared at him. I didn't resist. I let him kiss me and wished it would not end. I felt I was losing control as I warmly responded to his kisses. I had never been so happy in my life. We didn't say anything about the incident but it brought us even closer together until rumors about us started to spread. I panicked but he told me he was willing to leave his wife for me. I never said I loved him because I knew I could never have him. He had to go back to his wife and I had to be true to myself.

After a year, he was transferred to another area and I was really hurt. I did not want to be unfair to my boyfriend so I broke up with him. Nothing seemed to matter anymore when Al walked out of my life.

I love him so much. I don't know how to go on with my life anymore since he has taken with him a part of my heart. I know it's wrong to feel this way about him but I really don't know how to start forgetting and moving on.

Thank you so much.

MELISSA

It is often hard to forget someone we love because, deep inside, it's the last thing that we want to do. It's easy to say it's all over but it's always difficult to let go of something precious to us. When someone becomes a part of us that person gets a little piece of our heart. When he goes, he leaves a void in our life that is never easy to fill. That is the reason it's always painful to let go of our feelings for someone special.

If you want to move on then you have to leave the past behind. Al can never be yours. You simply have to accept that. If you keep hoping for things that could have been then you will forever be a prisoner of your own dreams. You will never find true happiness because you are detached from reality.

Melissa, love is a game. Sometimes we miss and get hurt but that doesn't have to keep us from taking a chance again. Never get tired of trying because sometimes, in this game, the real winners are not those who get what they want but those who know how to give up what they want and those who know when to stop wanting.

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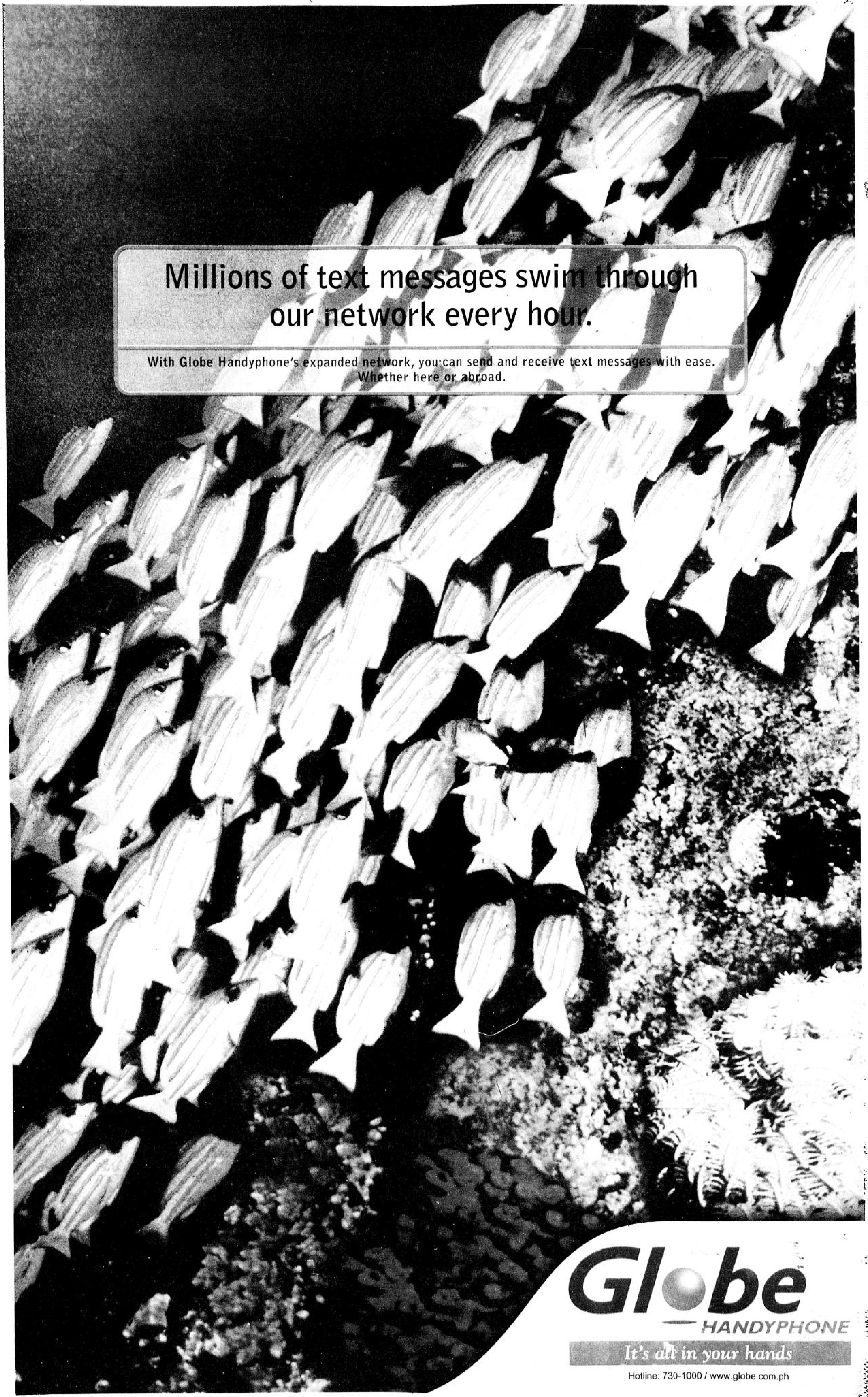

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Sunday **LIFESTYLE**

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A Saigon stint

BY KITTY GO

EXCEPT for pastel-hued building facades, there is almost no trace of French influences on Ho Chi Minh City, formerly known as Saigon, a French colony that was once known as the Paris of the Orient. (Of course, Shanghai thought itself to be the same simply because of its sophistication. But Saigon was a French colony from 1861 until 1945, when the Japanese took over.) The city is named Ho Chi Minh after the founder of today's Vietnamese communist state. However, to locals, it will always be Saigon.

The history of Ho Chi Minh City seems to start in 1975. Streets are paved and very clean and the parks are manicured. Buildings such as the Reunification Palace, Museum of Revolution, People's Court and City Hall look new and imposing. I knew that walking through exhibition after exhibition of modern warfare will not interest me. Saigon reminds me a lot of Cebu City, only cleaner. Staying a day and two nights is enough. Twenty-four hours, I think, is all you need to discover Saigon.

Ingenuity

Get into the city at night or late afternoon. Book a car for an early trip the next day to the Cu Chi tunnels, about 45 miles northwest of Saigon. Then unwind at the Saigon Saigon Rooftop Bar (Delta Caravelle Hotel, 19 Lam Son Square, District 1; tel. 848823-4999). This bar's crowd drawer is its fantastic view of Saigon, the perfect way to introduce yourself to a new city.

You'll need the entire morning for the expedition to the Cu Chi tunnels as it takes an hour and a half each way from Saigon. Even if you are not a war aficionado, I guarantee you will enjoy the Cu Chi tunnels. The tunnels were built in 1940 and were expanded in the '60s and throughout the Vietnam War. The tunnels extend over 150 miles and over three levels. This is where the National Liberation Front of South Vietnam (that's Vietcong to you and me) defeated the Americans.

The tunnels are a testimony to the ingenuity of Vietnamese in defeating a superpower like the Americans. If you go through the tunnels, you will realize that the Vietnamese won simply because they knew the terrain and had strong survival instincts. After the tunnel tour, you will go through a display of weapons, which are so crude you'd wonder how they could use them against powerful American helicopters and machine guns.

DESSERT IN COLONIAL SAIGON. At Fanny, an ice cream parlor never looked so good.

With hardly a trace of its French past, Ho Chi Minh City is still a tourist's delight with its quaint shopping boutiques, delicious restaurants and traces of its immediate war-torn past

YOUR BODY IS A TEMPLE. Feast your eyes and taste buds at Temple Club, a chic yet friendly restaurant in District 1.

The VC and even villagers lived in the tunnels. They even cooked in them and had ventilation holes hidden behind foliage and rocks. The tunnels have been enlarged to accommodate bigger Western tourists but they are still difficult to move around in. You'll wonder how the Vietnamese did it and how they managed to stay underground for long periods of time with a few ventilation holes as big as a coin.

Secrecy

There were trap doors, escape hatches, secret entrances under rocks and booby traps with sharpened bamboo stakes underneath piles of grass. This allowed the Vietnamese to appear out of nowhere and likewise, disappear without a trace. Some tunnel openings could open and close to outsmart American soldiers. Some tunnels led to a river where the Vietcong could

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LIVE AND LET LIVE

Tita Dulce

DEAR Tita Dulce,

I'm already 39 years old and, at this time, I need someone who can give advice and understand my situation. I'm a single parent with two daughters fathered by different men. The father of my second daughter wanted to reconcile with me, but I refused because he was irresponsible. It is hard to raise children alone, but I have devoted my time to them.

There were guys who came to propose, but I didn't pay them any attention because I was not sure they could accept my children. One day, through my daughter's cell phone, I got a textmate. I told him everything about me. When I asked him about his job, he told me he was a janitor. We became close just by texting. One time, I got worried because he did not respond to my messages. At 4 a.m. I called the office where he worked and found out he was the boss.

When I mentioned it to him, he denied everything. After another occasion when I did not receive a response from him, I got messages from unknown people saying they wanted to be my textmates. I got close to three of them. You know why? Because I felt that the messages they sent came from my first textmate. His name is Johnny and I can read between the lines. There were times I would hear voices on the phone, but I could also hear another voice in the background. I don't know what Johnny really wants but whatever he has done, I have forgiven him. Maybe he has reasons for having those other calls made.

May I ask if a woman like me has a chance of being happy? Why are men happy when they hurt someone? Please enlighten my weary mind.

LADY STARLIGHT

Relax, madam. Face the truth. If that man was really interested in you, he would have asked to meet you in person. Someone in his office told you he was the boss. A janitor does not have the audacity or impudence to do texting. The boss probably was just having fun during his free time. Also, he most probably is a married man. If he is still single, curiosity would make him want to meet you.

And, oh yes, a woman like you has every chance to be happy. If you have devoted your time to your daughters, they must be happy with the way they are. Look at them and assist them in their every need. You may not be aware of their secret pains, but as a loving and caring mother, you can help ease them.

It is understandable that your first textmate would ask some friends to take over, to remove himself from your memory and to give you somebody new to concentrate on. As to your question if men are happy to hurt someone, they are not, to tell you frankly. When a man hurts a woman, it is not because it makes them happy. There could be other reasons for it.

Instead of moping, concentrate on your own life, find something to do instead of just sitting down with your cell phone in your hand. Since you made no mention of financial hardships, thank God for your blessings. You can use your cell phone for something like direct selling of items. Look around you, find a need and fill it. You are very articulate in your letter, which proves you have a bright mind. Use it.

On rehab centers

TO THE THREE letters-writers who are looking for rehabilitation centers for their sons:

This columnist is not an expert on rehab treatments, but as to what happens when a drug addict goes to a rehabilitation center, here's what is done, according to someone I asked. There will be a detoxification, followed by a Primary Care Program, which will last for 45 days. The above mentioned steps may not be complete, but will give you an idea just how a drug addict can be "cured" from his habits.

Here are some rehab centers: New Beginnings Foundation, 23 President Ave. corner Villalaba, BF Homes, Parañaque, tel. 809-4578; Home Care, B-7 Oliveros St., Mandaluyong, tel. 746-6559; Life Change Recovery Center, 84 Ma. Clara St., Bgy. Sto. Domingo, Sta. Mesa, QC, tel. 415-6529; Drug Rehab Center, Manila Health Department, tel. 527-4950; Dare Foundation, 14 Dona Juana Rodriguez, New Manila, QC, tel. 724-2641; Amor Rehab Center, Bgy. Gulod, Malaya, San Mateo, Rizal, tel. 649-4164.

One rehab center I know that does not charge is in the compound of North Cemetery, Blumentritt, Sta. Cruz, tel. 711-0073. Another place where you can inquire is at the Ospital ng Maynila.

If you are not near any of the above centers, I suggest you call Susan at Pro-Life Phils., tel. 563-6363. She has a list of 36 rehab centers in the Philippines.

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Prayer makes our day brighter

MUSTARD SEED

Joseph Galdon, S.J.

OUR days are often very busy, hectic and sometimes troublesome. That is why it is good to pray every day. We ought to pray every morning and every night. Psalm 92 says, "It is good to give thanks to the Lord and to make music to His name, Oh most High! It's good to proclaim Your love in the morning and Your truth in the hours of the night."

Oh Lord, I say a prayer each morning and I say one every night because they make me feel that everything is right and okay. One spiritual writer says "our prayers give the golden sun a warm and friendly glow and draw a bright moon and star beam to our morning and evening day. They shape the silver stars that twinkle in the sky and give a breath of incense to the winds that wander by. My morning and my evening prayers are candlewicks that burn so that I may walk the proper path and know which way to turn each day."

Morning prayer

In the morning, I look across Marikina Valley toward the hills of Antipolo where the earth touches the sky. Much of nature lingers there in the valley and I see much of God, and marvel at His beauty in the hills.

Every morning in my prayer I am off along God's way. I long to climb those hills to see Him this bright and lovely day. I wake up and look to the dawn, not the sunset, for there is much to be done today. I look to the dawn in my morning prayer and not the sunset, for there is also much to be shared today.

Priests, especially the older ones, have been chosen to be witnesses of Christ and not to turn other people away from us. For many people are in trouble and looking for words of hope and good cheer. I pray that I will listen to the call of those in trouble and distress and speak to them while there is time today.

So I look to the dawn, not the sunset. I will offer my hand, my mind and my heart to those who are in need today as they struggle along life's way. Today is the day of salvation for them and for me. It is the day to tell others about Christ.

So I look to the dawn and pray in the morning that many other people will come to the sight of God today. In the quiet hush of morning, when the day begins to break, the dawn is what the poets call "crimson glory." The glory of night grows dim and our hearts are full of sunshine because the day begins with God.

In the morning I sometimes pray with a nice poetic prayer we learned in high school: "Reach down, Oh Lord, and take my hand so I may walk where You have planned. Reach down, Oh Lord, and dry my tears that fall like raindrops through the years. Reach down, Oh Lord, and fill my heart with love that never will depart. Reach down, Oh Lord, and free my soul once bound by sin to sorrow's role. Reach down, Oh Lord, and lift my voice too long restrained. Praise God today and I will rejoice."

There are other good morning prayers that we learned in the good old days. Michael Dubina says: "This is the day the Lord has made. This is the day the Lord has made to bless the earth with sun and shade and grace the life of you and me with joy of holy ecstasy. So let us join in His embrace and prove deserving of His grace by sharing Christian gifts of heart that are the blessings He imparts. Let this be a day of joy and love that honors Jesus and God above, and bears no trace of human greed that steals from me. Let's live today as it is meant to be, with heaven's gifts to you and me, and live and love in Christian ways that praise the Lord and praise this day."

My body may be aging, but my mind will stay young if I pray. Another good spiritual writer says: "I have a lot left to do—many songs of praise to be sung, many roads to be traveled today and much love to express. There are many people who need my aid today. I will do what I can to brighten their day. I will spread cheer and love as I pass their way. Let me show some kindness to each person I meet and let me see your image, Lord, in each person I greet."

Evening prayer

I also pray when the day is done: "This day so full of promise has slowly slipped away. There were some victories for some and some losses. There is lots of work still to be done, and lots of people who need my care." So I kneel beside my bed to thank God for this day. I ask for nothing but His grace that love might light my way.

Today is gone forever. But I am content I have done my best today and I hand it over now to God and seek His peaceful rest tonight. I pray: "I fold my hands in prayer tonight, dear God, and humbly turn to Thee. You are the master of my fate, the dearest friend to me. I know You are forever near to guide and strengthen me. I fold my hands in prayer and know that, come what may, You share my sorrows, pain and sweetest joys, because You always care. I fold my hands in faith tonight and feel Your presence fill my heart and soul with wondrous joy and always will!"

After the work and toil of a busy day, how nice it is to relax at home. How sweet it is to take some time before I go to sleep to meditate and to ponder on the gifts that were given to me today by God. At night I know that the dawn will come again tomorrow to begin another day, and all my worries will pass away with God.

Tomorrow the sun will rise again in the sky to warm my heart and soul and be a source of newfound strength to help me reach my goal of holiness and love. When the day is over and done and the sun sets in the west, I hope that I can always say: "Today I gave my best!" The hand of God and the love of Christ are in my daily life and now I live in holiness, love and peace. My life is richer now than it ever was before. For God leads me in His steps each day along the path to heaven's door.

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

It's very good to pray every morning and night. It's also extra good to pray this year to the Holy Spirit as we prepare for the third millennium. Each day we ought to pray: "Come today, Holy Spirit, spirit of God and spirit of the risen Christ. Be with us today and every day. Be our Light, our Guide and our Comforter each day. As we move closer to the new millennium, be our Strength, our Courage and our Sanctifier. May these days be a time of deep spiritual growth for us, a time of welcoming new graces and gifts, a time for forgiving freely and unconditionally, and a time for growing in virtue and goodness. Come, Holy Spirit! Be with us today and every day."

It's good to pray every day so that our loving God will watch over us every day and keep alive in our hearts all that we have learned each day. It's also good to pray and to celebrate our faith and love at home with the family, and at mass with them. An old song says: "Your love, Oh Lord, is lifting us each day higher than we have ever been lifted before. We pray that we will be at your side for ever more!"

We must never forget that God is always with us no matter what happens. The God of creation who comes to us in Jesus and lives among us in the Holy Spirit will keep us safe, happy and holy as long as we pray to Him every morning and every night. Let's do it!

SUNDAY CROSSWORD

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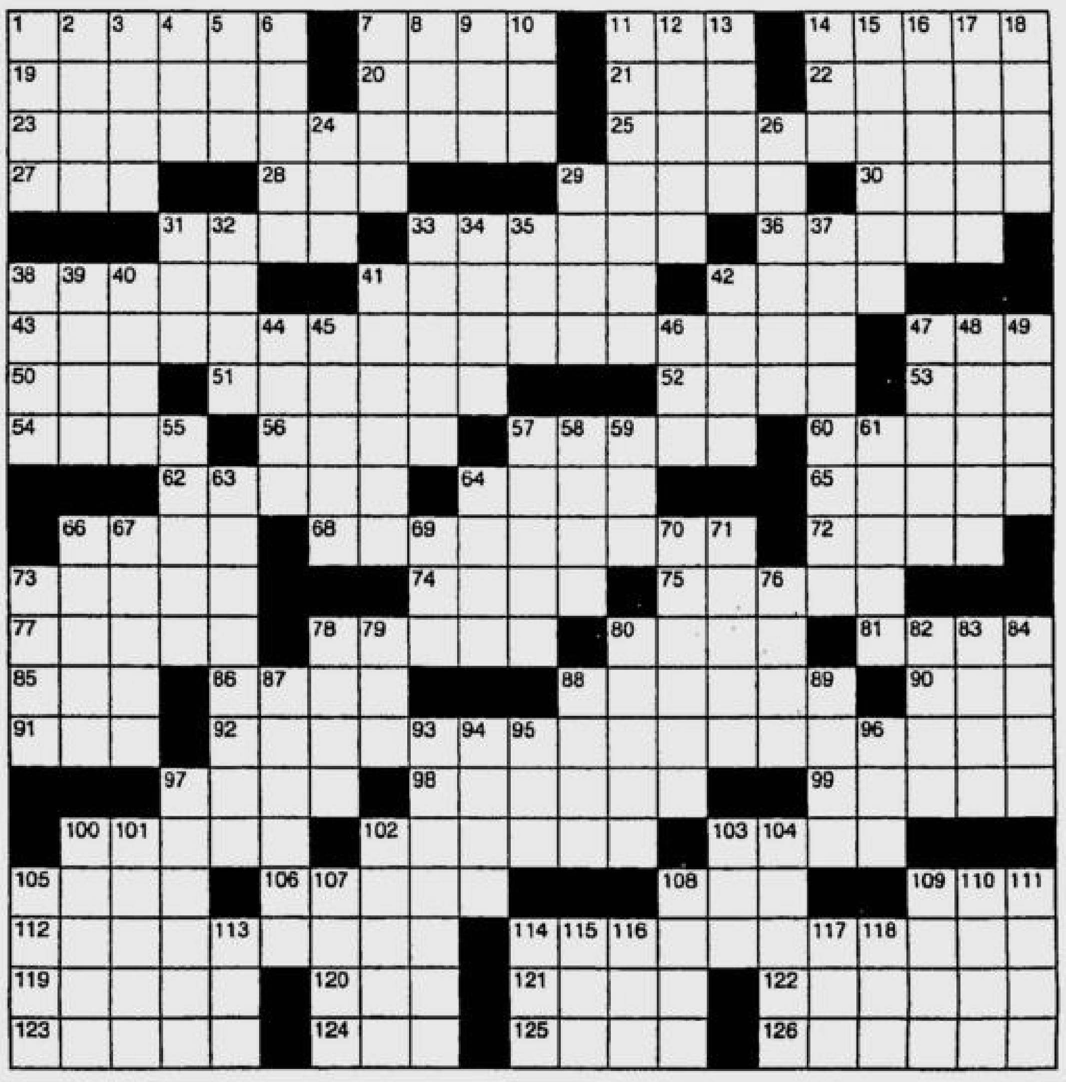

ACROSS

1 '84 Daryl Hannah film
7 Belfry sound
11 Poetic monogram
14 Little rascal
19 Bunch of ballplayers
20 Fairy-tale fiend
21 Spring mo.
22 Forbidden
23 Start of a remark by 114 Across
25 Teddy-bear president
27 Tut's relative
28 Ganesh or Hanuman
29 That's the spirit
30 Building wings
31 Level
33 Actress Welch
36 With 51 Across, "Wuthering Heights" author
38 Face lift?
41 Anchored
42 Hot spot?
43 Part 2 of remark
47 Aries animal
50 Important numero
51 See 36 Across
52 "— look at me!"
53 Distinctive period
54 Irving character
56 Hotels
57 Prepare the Parmesan
60 Toil
62 Dwelling
64 Trim a photo
65 Rotund
66 Vittle statistics?
68 He's got plans for you
72 Skilled
73 Pick-me-up
74 Sheet of stamps
75 Big name in kids' music
77 TV's "Starsky and —"
78 Get on
80 Cougar
81 Viscount's superior
85 Put into service
86 Partially open
88 "Summer —" ('72 hit)
90 Mauna —
91 Augsburg article
92 End of remark
97 Wise guy?
98 Bother
99 Like Hawaiian shirts
100 Wails
102 Vicar's assistant
103 Bend
105 Saucy
106 It gets squirreled away
108 Beastly place?
109 Jacket info
112 Gardener's friend
114 Speaker of remark
119 "— Gay"
120 Khan opener?
121 Kind of roast
122 He's left holding the bag
123 Enticed
124 Pewter base
125 Cunning
126 Layers

DOWN

1 Blind part
2 Bodybuilder's pride
3 Need
4 Give it — (try)
5 Big —, CA
6 Reduce a risk
7 Little lake
8 "The — and I" ('47 film)
9 Word with folk or fine
10 Tenor Slezak
11 Durham denizen
12 Bobbin
13 Cupid, in Corinth
14 Sault — Marie, MI
15 Collapse
16 Ring — (seem familiar)
17 Aquarium fish
18 Saucepans
24 Charged atom
26 Witty Wright
29 Spiritual guide
31 Lilly of pharmaceuticals
32 Do or die?
33 Takes a break
34 Exercise aftermath
35 Status —
37 Diner fare
38 Self-important
39 Blabby bird
40 Borodin's "Prince —"
41 One of us?
42 Woodwind instrument
44 The Furies, e.g.
45 Toyota competitor
46 Banned pesticide
47 Defy a dictator
48 Faced the day
49 Stallion's sweetheart
55 Lose control
57 Pulverize
58 Learning method
59 Mimic
61 Activist Hoffman
63 15th president
64 Burn a bit
66 Animal that roared?
67 Log
69 Pocket protector?
70 Altar vessels
71 He keeps lions in line
73 Heavy blow
76 Disconcert
78 Bete noire
79 Nev. neighbor
80 Novel language?
82 Baseball family name
83 Crucifix
84 Tramp's tootsie
87 Pieceful pursuit?
88 Gravy vessel
89 Finish the lawn
93 "The Avengers" actress
94 Knitter's need
95 Monk's title
96 Wicked stuff?
97 Pay up
100 Reeves of "The Matrix"
101 Mistake
102 It's walked at Windsor
103 Watch pocket
104 Crochet units
105 Rind
107 Winter wear
108 Off-the-wall
109 — carotene
110 "Players" actor
111 Gumbo veggie
113 Possessed
114 North Pole worker
115 Milne creature
116 Cowboy Tom
117 Bon — (witticism)
118 "I'm freezing!"

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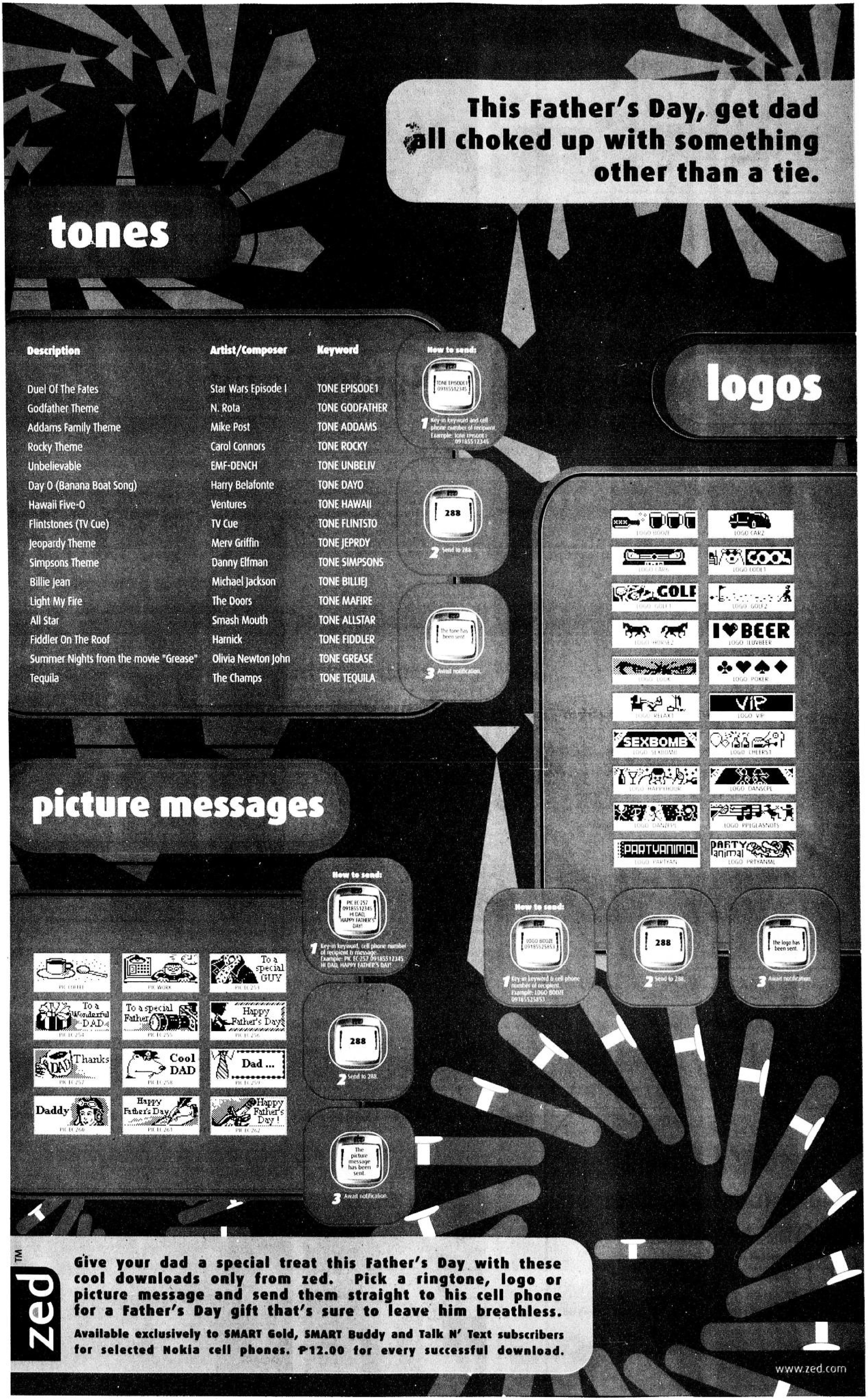

This Father's Day, get dad all choked up with something other than a tie.

tones

Description	Artist/Composer	Keyword
Duel Of The Fates	Star Wars Episode I	TONE EPISODE1
Godfather Theme	N. Rota	TONE GODFATHER
Addams Family Theme	Mike Post	TONE ADDAMS
Rocky Theme	Carol Connors	TONE ROCKY
Unbelievable	EMF-DENCH	TONE UNBELIV
Day O (Banana Boat Song)	Harry Belafonte	TONE DAYO
Hawaii Five-O	Ventures	TONE HAWAII
Flintstones (TV Cue)	TV Cue	TONE FLINTSTO
Jeopardy Theme	Merv Griffin	TONE JEPRDY
Simpsons Theme	Danny Elfman	TONE SIMPSONS
Billie Jean	Michael Jackson	TONE BILLIEJ
Light My Fire	The Doors	TONE MAFIRE
All Star	Smash Mouth	TONE ALLSTAR
Fiddler On The Roof	Harnick	TONE FIDDLER
Summer Nights from the movie "Grease"	Olivia Newton John	TONE GREASE
Tequila	The Champs	TONE TEQUILA

How to send:

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1 Key-in keyword and cell phone number of recipient. Example: TONE EPISODE1 09185512345

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2 Send to 288.

The tone has been sent

3 Await notification.

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LOGO CARZ
LOGO CAR6
LOGO COOL1
GOLF
LOGO GOLF1
LOGO GOLF2
LOGO HORSE2
I ♥ BEER
LOGO ILUVBEER
LOGO LOOK
♣♥♠♦
LOGO POKER
LOGO RELAX1
VIP
LOGO VIP
SEXBOMB
LOGO SEXBOMB
LOGO CHEERS1
LOGO HAPPYHOUR
LOGO DANSCPL
LOGO DANZPPL
LOGO PPIGLASNOTS
PARTYANIMAL
LOGO PARTYAN
PARTY animal
LOGO PRTYANML

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3 Await notification.

picture messages

PIC COFFEE
PIC WORK
To a special GUY
PIC EC253
To a Wonderful DAD
PIC EC254
To a special Father
PIC EC255
Happy Father's Day
PIC EC256
DAD Thanks
PIC EC257
Cool DAD
PIC EC258
Dad ...
PIC EC259
Daddy
PIC EC260
Happy Father's Day
PIC EC261
Happy Father's Day !
PIC EC262

How to send:

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HI DAD,
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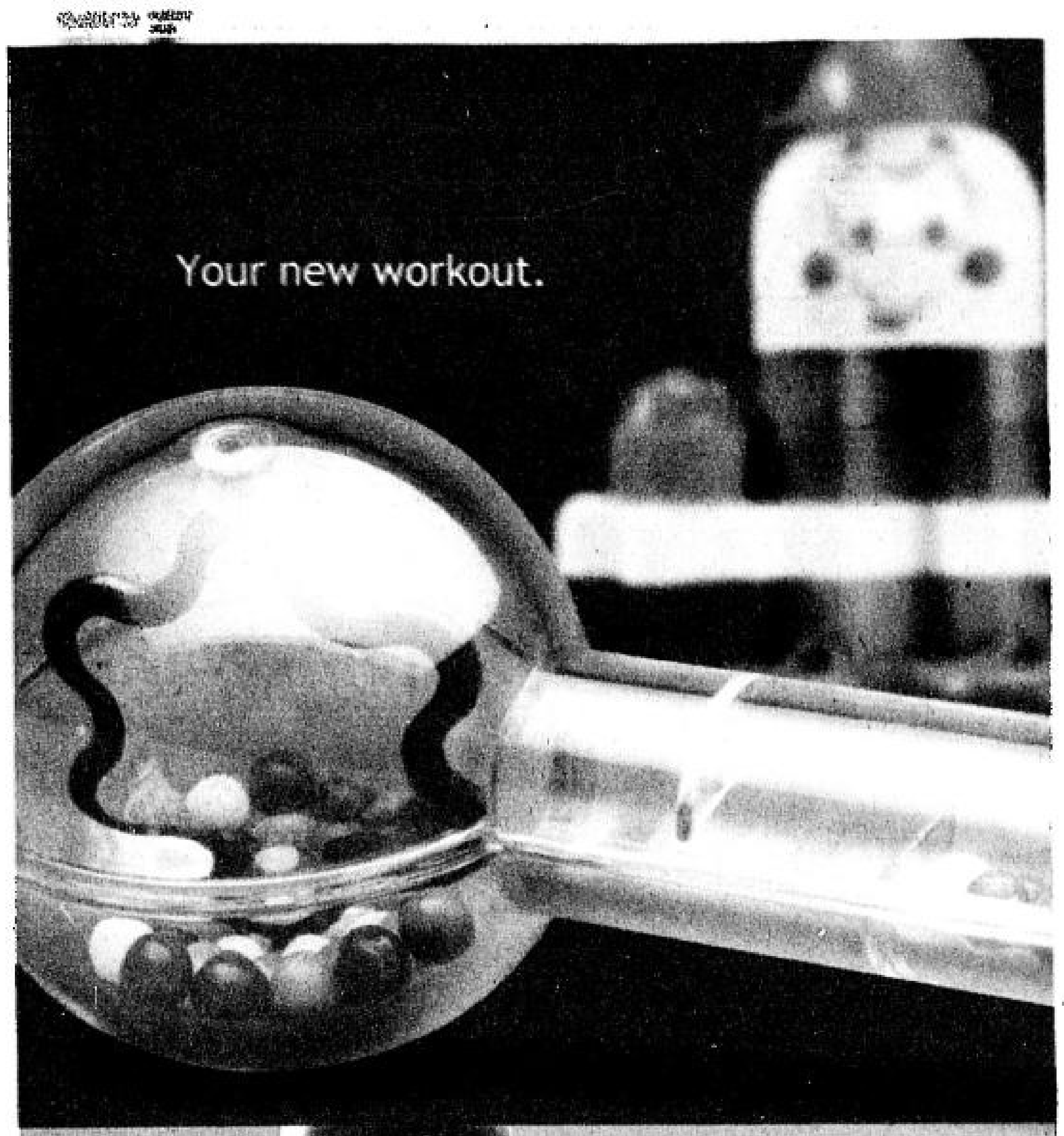

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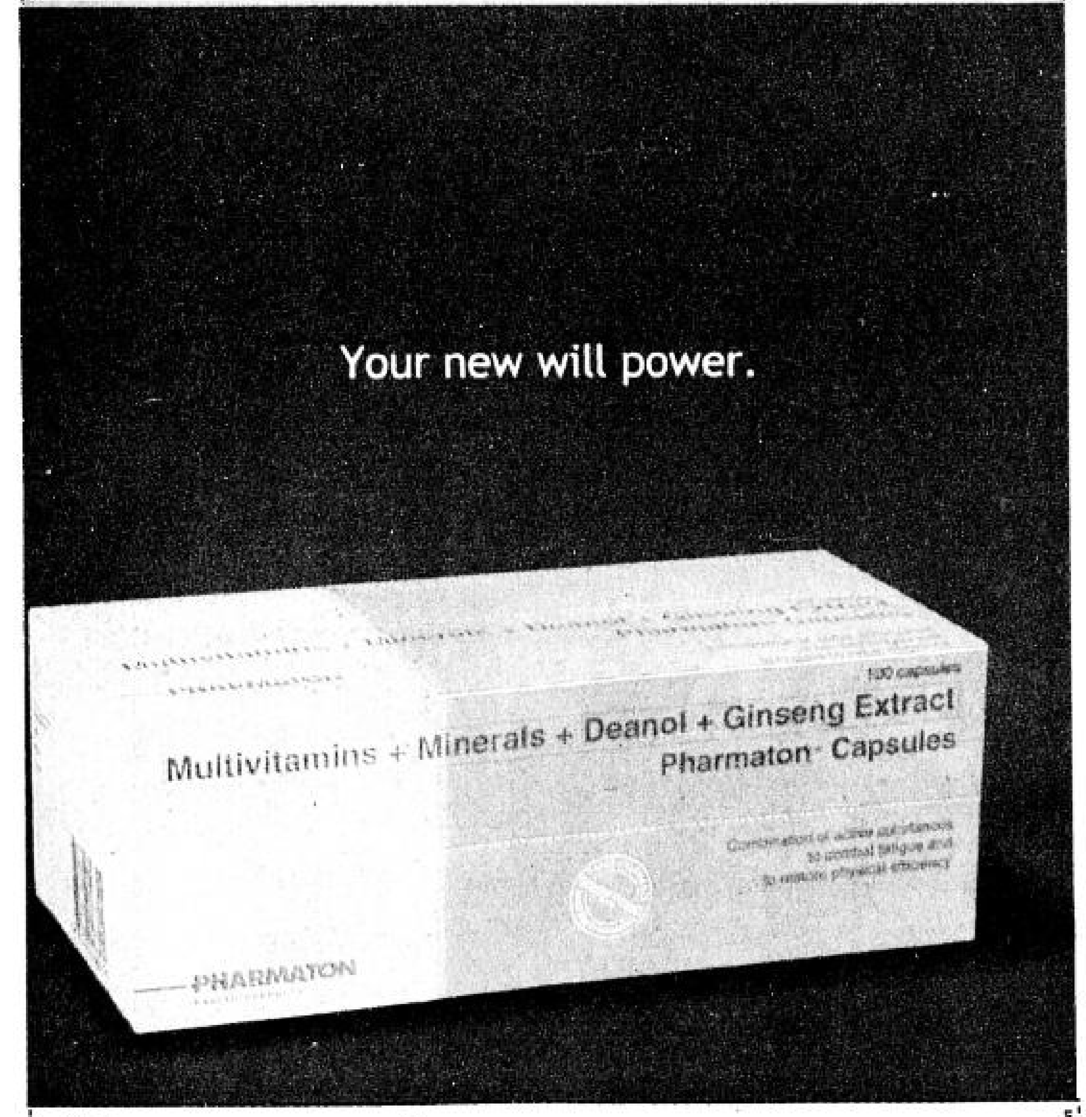

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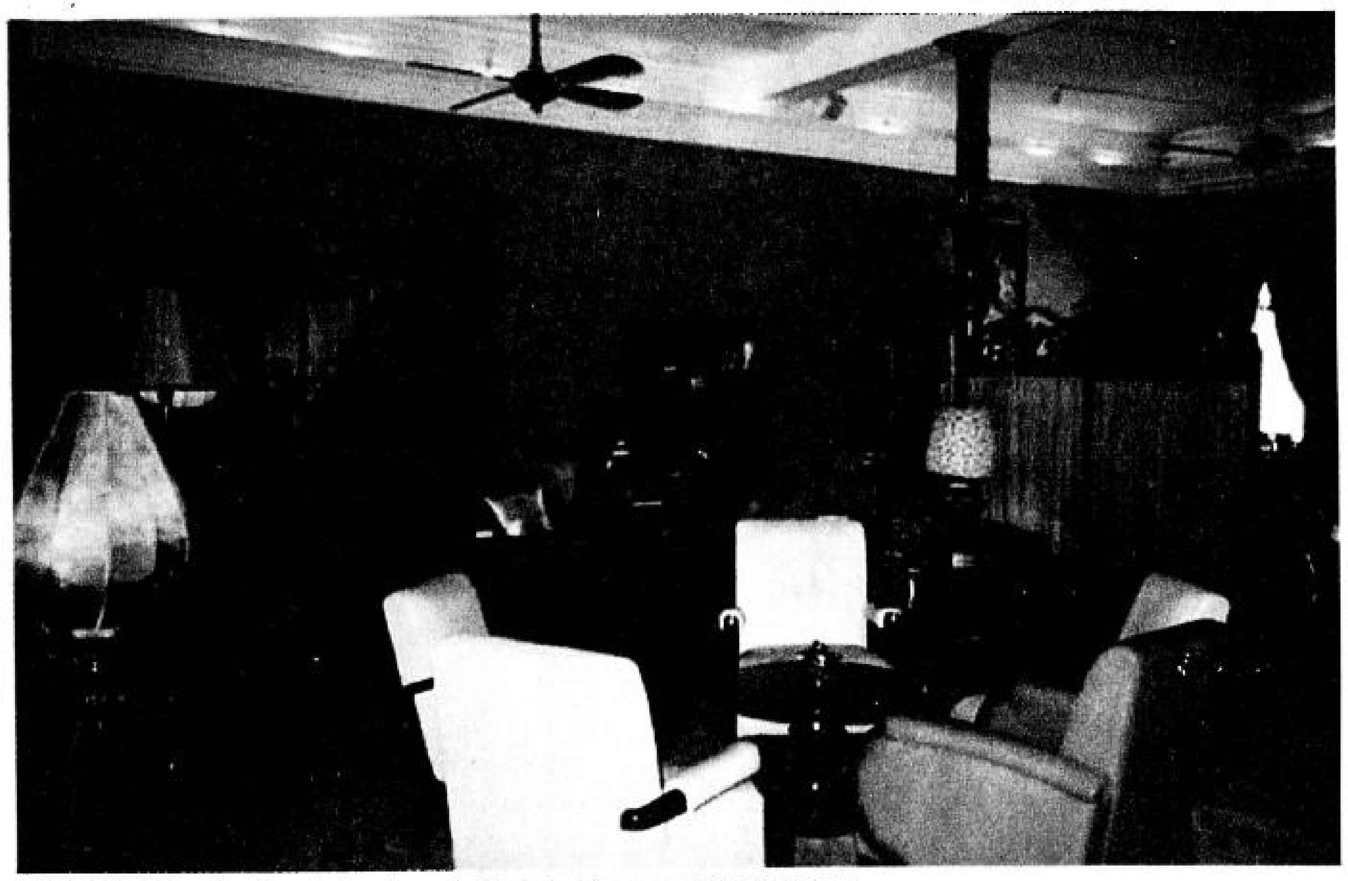

THE LOUNGE at the Temple Bar decorated in Indochinese and Western style

A Saigon stint

(From page F1)

swim to safety. According to our guide, ex-Vietcong, no single Vietnamese soldier knew the entire layout of the tunnels. Each soldier only knew where his home tunnel was located. The secrecy of the tunnels was guarded in case any Vietcong got caught and revealed the location of his tunnels, not everyone would be discovered. Just the ones in the revealed tunnel.

By the time you get back to Saigon after an approximately two-hour visit to the Cu Chi tunnels, it will be just in time for lunch at the Temple Club (29 Ton That Thiep St., District 1; tel. (848) 8299-244; e-mail templeclub@hcm.vnn.vn). This is one of the most beautiful restaurants I've ever been to and the food is great. The menu is a combination of traditional Vietnamese dishes including noodle soups and Western nouvelle cuisine. The Temple Club has three areas—the restaurant, the bar and a huge lounge that looks like someone's living room in colonial Saigon or Shanghai. The Temple Club experience begins when you walk through the discreet entrance across from an appliance store. A dimly lit hallway leads you to a large Buddha at the base of a stairway, which leads to the restaurant.

The floors are made of Vietnamese tiles in French floral designs from the '50s. Most of the furniture is Western in style but the accessories such as lamps, paintings, rugs, etc., are an Indochinese mix that makes the place not only chic but homey. For cool evenings, there is also a charming verandah perfect for after-dinner drinks. If you can't make it to the Temple Club for lunch, dinner and/or drinks will be just as perfect.

After lunch, pop in next door at Fanny (29-31 Ton That Thiep St.; tel. (848) 821-1633; e-mail fannyjc@hcm.vnn.vn) for an ice cream either to go or to savor in their sunny patio that is part Cuba, part South of France.

Excellent shopping

Walk over to Dong Khoi Street for excellent shopping. This is not exactly Madison Avenue with luxury labels; rather it is a street lined with a hodgepodge of small shops and markets that sell silks, clothing, handicrafts, house wares, pottery, etc. There are markets selling both real and reproduced antiques. The great thing about Saigon markets such as Bich Lien (125A Dong Khoi St.; tel. (848) 823-1552; e-mail nguyenchi@saigon.net.vn) is that they still tell you, "This is a great copy!" instead of claiming everything is a real antique.

If you want an *ao dai* made, most of the stores have ready made sets or you can get one made overnight. The *ao dai* is the Vietnamese national dress for women. You'll still see many young girls wearing this elegant ensemble of wide-legged pants under a fitted ankle-length tunic similar to a cheongsam but with slits slashed to the waist. You can get one made to order at Trinh Silk (57-69/23A Kiosque Dong Khoi St.; District 1; tel. (848) 822-9799; e-mail trinhsilk@hotmail.com) for about $30 including fabric. The shop girls don't speak English and the place is not exactly Saint Laurent's couture atelier but they're fast and the service is good.

Khaisilk (107 Dong Khoi St.; tel. (848) 829-1146; e-mail khaisilksg@hcm.fpt.vn) has ready-made ones for about $70. But the one thing to buy at Khaisilk is a silk dressing gown that would make you feel like Jean Harlow. For only $25, it puts Fernando Sanchez and Josie Natori to shame.

Depending on how quick you shop, you can have either tea or a cocktail at Moonfish Café (6 Dong Khoi St.; tel. (848) 823-8822), across the street from the Majestic Hotel. If you don't finish all your shopping by 6 p.m., don't fret because most of the shops are open until 10 p.m., which allows you to take a break for drinks and dinner then resume shopping.

Reserve a table at Vietnam House (93-95 Dong Khoi St.; tel. (848) 829-1623) for dinner the night before as it gets very full and they turn people away at the door. The food may be Westernized Vietnamese food but then again, it is probably the only restaurant in Saigon reviewed by the New York Times.

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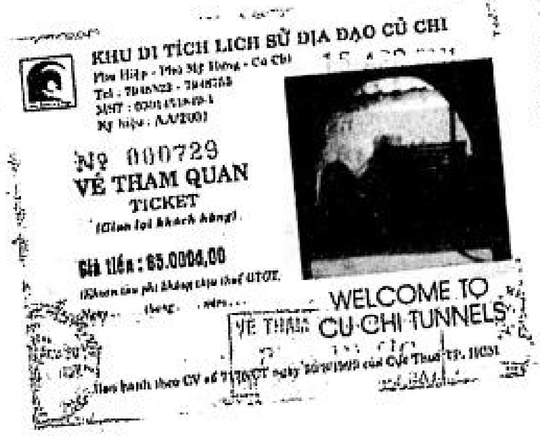

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WELCOME TO CU CHI TUNNELS

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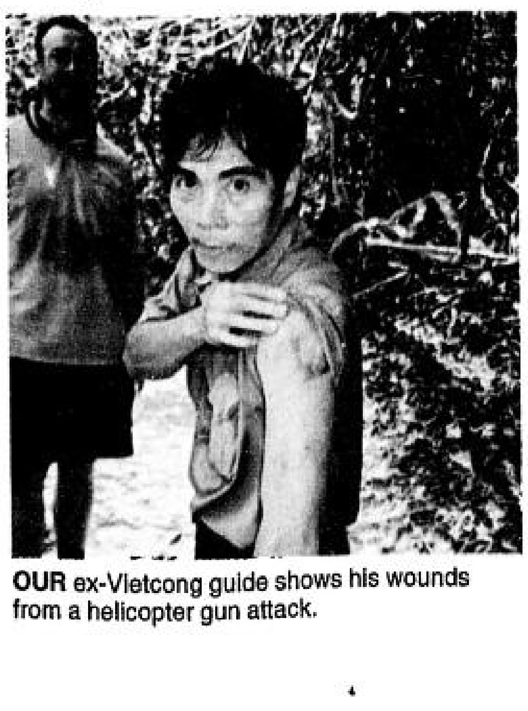
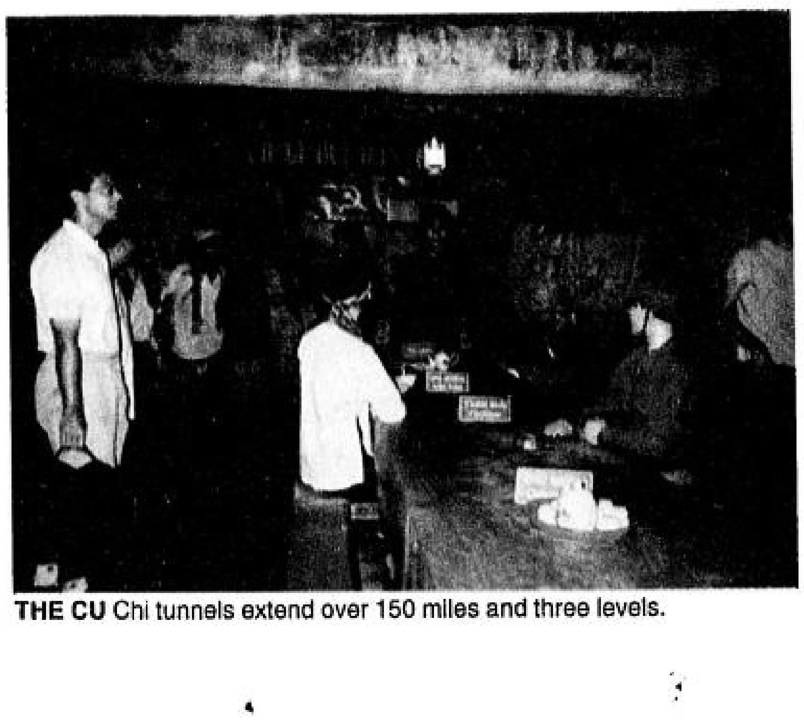
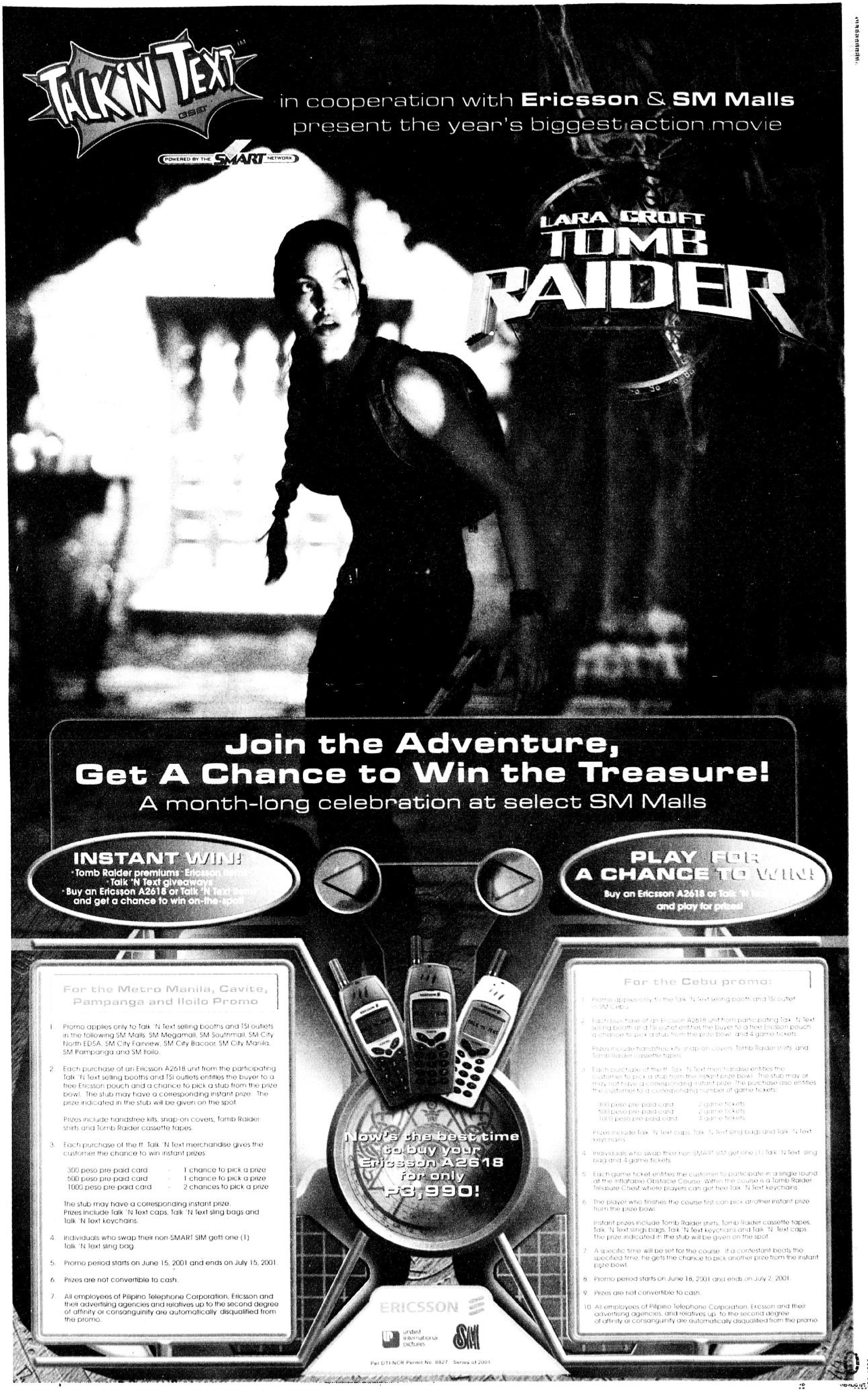


OUR ex-Vietcong guide shows his wounds from a helicopter gun attack.



THE CU Chi tunnels extend over 150 miles and three levels.



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500 peso pre-paid card	2 game tickets
1000 peso pre-paid card	4 game tickets

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5. Each game ticket entitles the customer to participate in a single round at the Inflatable Obstacle Course. Within the course is a Tomb Raider Treasure Chest where players can get free Talk 'N Text keychains.

6. The player who finishes the course first can pick another instant prize from the prize bowl.

   Instant prizes include Tomb Raider shirts, Tomb Raider cassette tapes, Talk 'N Text sings bags, Talk 'N Text keychains and Talk 'N Text caps. The prize indicated in the stub will be given on the spot.

7. A specific time will be set for the course. If a contestant beats the specified time, he gets the chance to pick another prize from the instant prize bowl.

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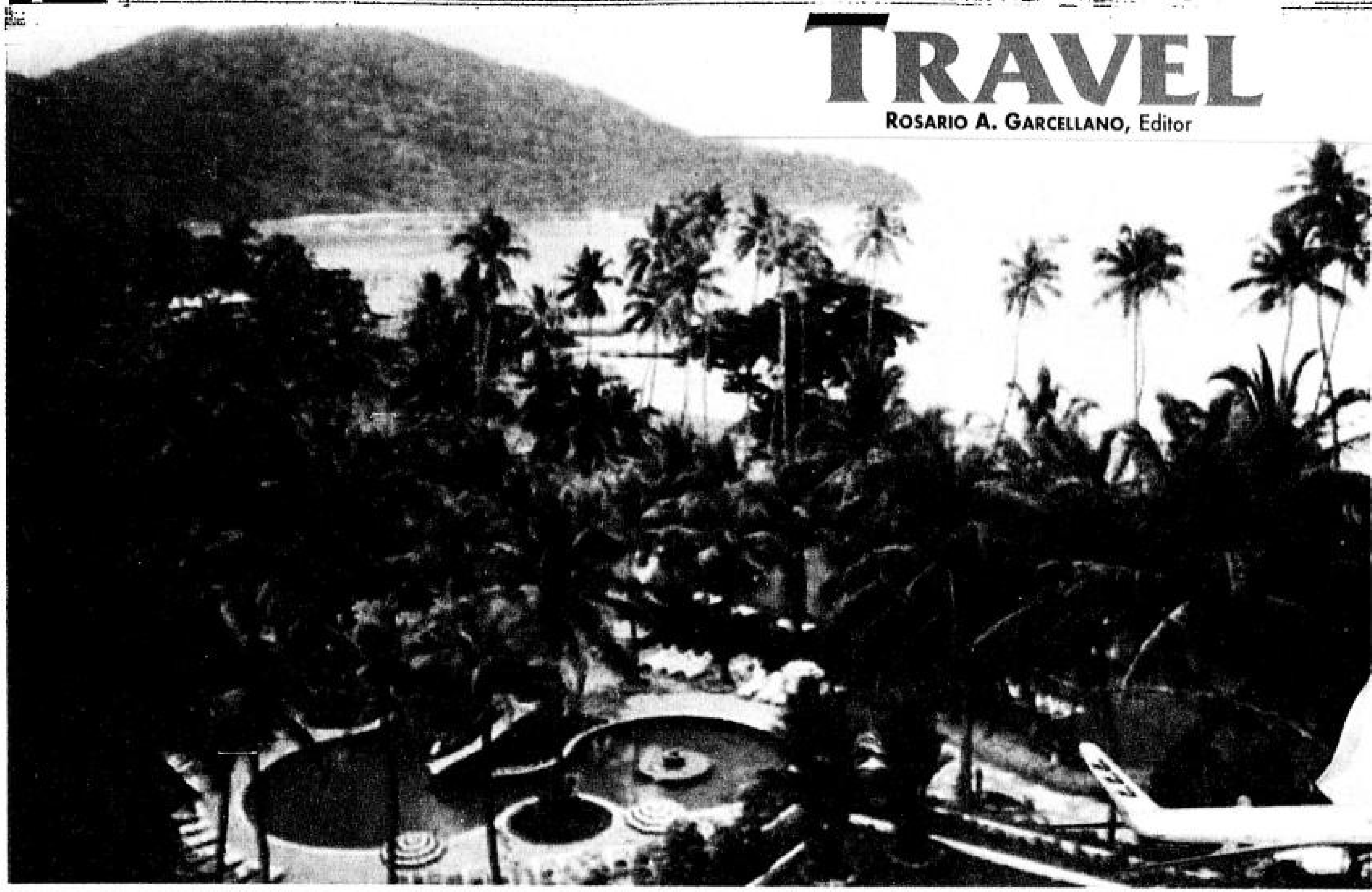
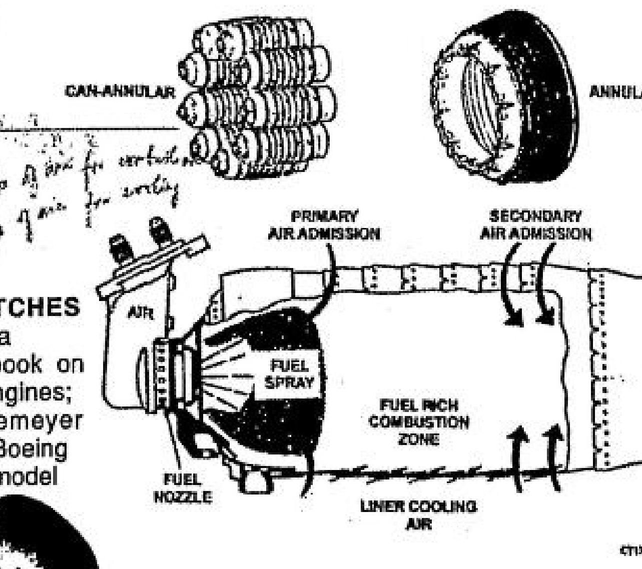


VIEW of "the end of the world" from a seventh-floor room



SKETCHES from a workbook on jet engines; Wickemeyer and Boeing 777 model

AIRPLANES 101

or a dalliance with the principles of flight

TEXT AND PHOTOS
BY ANGELINA G. GOLOY

LADIES and gentlemen, welcome aboard. In a few moments we will be taking off. Please fasten your seatbelts.

To most passengers, the pilot's opening spiel is a signal to start praying, bracing for takeoff discomfort, catching some shuteye, or checking out the inflight entertainment.

A few, if any, pay attention to the takeoff itself, save perhaps to make a mental note of how smooth or rough it is. Airplanes, like TV sets, computers, even mobile phones, have so become part of everyday life that we don't really bother to figure out how they work. (About the only thing that fascinates me is how compact the seats are designed, with so many fixtures ingeniously stowed to enable passengers to dine, doze off, stretch out, read, play a video game, watch a movie or prop a laptop, all within their allotted space.)

But on my last airplane ride, I, along with a few other passengers, was more attentive at takeoff. We were returning from Penang in Malaysia, where we had just attended Singapore Airlines' aviation seminar for journalists in the region.

No, we didn't learn to fly a plane. We just sort of buzzed over such topics as the principles of flight, building an airplane, flight operations, airplane systems, and jet engine fundamentals, with speakers from Boeing and Pratt & Whitney (manufacturers of jet engines) navigating.

"Airplanes 101," as the seminar was titled, was a virtual, uh, crash course on airplanes. It came complete with illustrated workbooks with lined pages for notes, plus a list of recommended books and websites on the subject.

Among the things we learned:

- That pressure is greatest on an airplane's engine at liftoff, when it is on 99-percent maximum thrust, and that it can maintain that speed for only two minutes. (The maximum thrust, or power, of a Boeing 777's engine is 98,000 pounds, or roughly equivalent to 60,760 horsepower.)
- That the pressure on the engine is lowest when the airplane is cruising, generally at an altitude of 35,000 feet.

MCCARTY and workshop participants

We picked up many more flying tidbits at the seminar, some of which even this motoring moron found interesting. For example, did you know that an airplane is made up of three million parts, about 132,500 of which are engineered unique parts? And that these three million parts are held together by an almost equal number of nuts and bolts and other fasteners?

And what about this: A small single-engine aircraft has enough electricity to light up 7-10 homes, while the electrical system on jet airplanes with two, three or four engines can provide power to a small city.

All that electricity runs through 275 kilometers of wire, tied in bundles to a post in the fuselage (the airplane's main section where the cabin is located). The wire bundles are placed as far as possible from the galleys where water could be spilled.

Safety tops the list of the basic requirements of design. "Boeing design standards are more stringent than legal requirements," said Robert H. Kelley-Wickemeyer, chief engineer of Enabling Technology and Research for the Commercial Airplanes Group. He was on the program responsible for the preliminary design on 2,000 Boeing models.

Design adheres to the principle that no single failure can cause an accident. "Airplane systems are redundant. An airplane has three independent systems, so that even if two are down, the remaining one can do the job," Wickemeyer said.

He added, putting it another way: "An airplane is designed for an ordinary pilot having an extraordinarily bad day."

Every possible worst-case scenario is anticipated so that solutions to problems can be devised. This is why Boeing invests heavily in test flight programs—for example, about $1.3 billion for the 777 alone.

Wickemeyer admitted during a coffee break, however, that he still received a few surprises now and then. "When I review the printout of events of the last 24 hours, sometimes I see something I never thought was possible," he said.

Later during one of his sessions, he remembered a weird accident that occurred while they were testing a new toilet. The suction on the flushing mechanism was so powerful that the person trying out the seat was momentarily stuck to it and had to be disengaged one leg at a time.

"Generally, though, most sad circumstances happen on the ground, like the ground maintenance crew fiddling with controls," Wickemeyer said. Pressed for specifics, he said, the human factor figured in 70 percent of accidents, the weather and airplane design in 20 percent, and the engine in 10 percent.

On the upside, Wickemeyer agreed that, yes, surprises like these only propelled them to set their goals a notch higher and keep the spirit of discovery alive.

10 months

According to Wayne McCarty, director for operations for the 767 Program, it takes about 10 months to build a plane, from the date of the order to the start of assembly.

It takes another three months, or less than 100 days, to put the airplane parts together, starting with the wings, all the way to delivery to the customer.

Boeing airplane parts come from suppliers from 37 countries and all 50 states of the United States, and are sent to the Puget Sound area in Washington, where Boeing has assembly facilities in the surrounding port cities of Everett, Bremerton and Seattle.

LOBBY of the Mutiara hotel

NIGHT market at Batu Ferringhi ("foreigners' rock")

Comforting thought: A plane is designed for an ordinary pilot having a very bad day

The nose section of all Boeing models and most of the fuselage of the new 737, for example, are built in Wichita, Kansas, and transported to Puget Sound by train. The 727s and the MD95s are built in Long Beach, California.

The Everett facility produces three 767s a month and five to seven 777s in a month, and the Bremerton plant, anywhere from 24 to 28 737s.

By volume, the Everett assembly plant is the biggest in the world, said McCarty. Spread over a 415-hectare area, it has 20,000 parking stalls and enough room for 35,000 people at any given time. "That's about the size of the crowd at a major sporting event," he said. The hangars are about 40 hectares big, requiring a million bulbs to light up the interiors.

McCarty can fly a plane if he has to (all he lacks is a license), but he still finds it "mind-boggling how everything comes together."

Imagine how I felt during the two sessions on the jet engine. James Mazeski of Pratt & Whitney customer training tried his darndest to generate interest, but he just couldn't get my motor running.

I think my engine conked out soon after he introduced the subject with a quick refresher on Newton's laws, on which the theory behind gas turbine operation is based. It's a miracle I even remembered the part about the engine pressure being greatest at liftoff. (I suppose it's because you don't need a theory to understand that. Anyone who has ever taken a flight must have experienced it.)

Among the seminar participants, the aviation/transportation writers from the specialized publications were probably constantly on cruising altitude through most of the two-day, 16-hour seminar. But others like me who don't exactly get a high from technojabber simply coasted along (drifted was more like it).

Talk about flying! My mind did take flight—and was up in the clouds most of the time—but my eyelids kept making touchdown.

The purpose of the seminar, said Rick Clements, Singapore Airlines vice president for public affairs, was to provide participants "a better understanding of (their) specific field of interest."

End of the world

As though to make sure they had a captive audience, our hosts flew us, quite literally, to "the end of the world." That, according to a traveler's account, is what the locals affectionately call Teluk Bahang, the beachfront area almost on the tip of Penang on its northwestern side, where our hotel is located.

The Mutiara, ("pearl"), probably the plushest on the island, is a vacationer's idea of getting away from it all. It is more than an hour's drive from the airport, although on the night we arrived, the bus ride felt like three hours—at least long enough to lull us to sleep. There we also held "classes," in a function room bearing the name of a mollusk, the irus.

Teluk Bahang is described as a quiet fishing village, where even from the white-sand beach, one can catch sight of native boats, or *sampan*. The novelty for me, however, was the hotel room closet, through which you could walk straight to the bathroom.

It was a pity that our itinerary did not include a tour of Penang, not even the capital, Georgetown. Outside the hotel, we saw only a modest shopping center not too far away, where we were bused on the eve of our departure.

Eager for some local color, some of us went on our own by taxi to Batu Ferringhi, the beach area famous for its night market.

The makeshift stalls propped along a long stretch of sidewalk sell imitation designer watches and shades, CDs and video CDs, along with *batik*, sarongs, kaftans, T-shirts, bags, local handicraft like miniature pewter figurines (Malaysia is the world's largest tin producer), and baubles, bangles and beads.

Open from 7 p.m. until midnight, the night market has been experiencing a boom since the filming in 1999 of "Anna and the King," said one Singaporean journalist.

The aviation seminar officially closed at the airline's headquarters in Singapore with a press conference announcing the launch of its in-flight e-mail service.

Bernoulli Principle

Back home, I was all fired up to impress everyone with my newly acquired knowledge. But my initial attempt at a presentation didn't get off the ground.

"Have you ever wondered how such a huge object like an airplane can rise and fly?" I asked my geologist daughter.

"The Bernoulli Principle," she replied without looking up from the computer screen, which was then flashing her overseas chat mate's response. "Every science student knows that." (Daniel Bernoulli, for the benefit of science flunkies like me, was an 18th century Swiss mathematician and scientist.)

"Well, I'm no science major, and I heard it for the first time at the seminar when the speaker explained lift, the force that makes airplanes fly," I retorted, determined to get her interested. "You know how he demonstrated it? He took a slip of paper and..."

Still engrossed in the computer, she finished the sentence: "Blew on its surface, and the paper rose." She continued: "How does it go again? When air moves fast over a surface, the pressure it exerts is reduced, causing the bottom to go up."

Snapping out of suspended animation, I asked how she knew.

"It's the example they always use in physics class," she said, amused. Then she got up and, walking toward a closet, added: "Where's that physics book? Now you really got me interested."

She can have my Airplanes 101 workbooks.

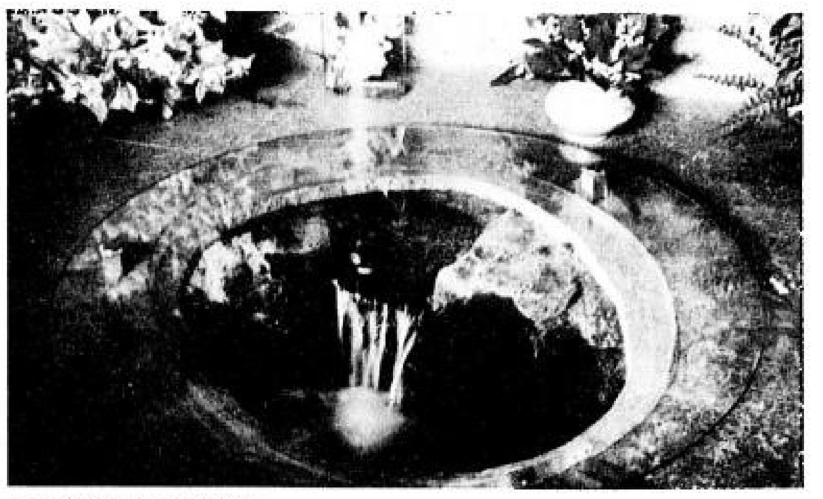
TRAVEL BRIEFS

ALOHA

The theme is Hawaiian at the 2nd Travelers' Palm Awards Night, which honors top accounts from the corporate sector and travel agencies. The Pan Pacific Manila team, headed by general manager Desmond Acheson (center) says cheese.

PINEAPPLE FESTIVAL

Camarines Norte is gearing for its annual Pineapple Festival, an occasion to give thanks for a bountiful harvest and generally exercise pride of place. Causeway Tours invites revelers to discover the province, including its beaches, mountains, waterfalls and rivers, through an adventure trip on June 21-22. For inquiries and reservations, call 853-8728 or 853-8652.



MIRACLE WATER

The water from the spring at Massabielle in Lourdes is believed miraculous by millions of pilgrims from all over the world. A pilgrimage group departing on July 4 will visit Lourdes as well as other Marian centers in Fatima, Madrid, Lisbon and Paris. For inquiries, call Adam's Express Travel at 521-1638/98 or 522-3876/77.

Foundation honors graduating scholars

SM Foundation honored recently the 76 new graduates under its College Scholarship Program and their parents at the SM Megamall's Megatrade Hall. SM founder and chair Henry Sy Sr. and Felicidad Sy personally met the graduates. Also present were SM Foundation's trustees Dr. Paulino Tan, executive director Lydia Echauz, and project director Nilda Bernaldez.

The short program began with an invocation by Paul Morales of the University of the East and opening remarks by Echauz.

Class 2001 magna cum laude awardees Anne Dolorso and Emmanuel Millar of the Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Maynila spoke about their experiences as SM scholars. Dolorso graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Education degree major in English. Millar is a computer engineering graduate and now works with NEC.

Gomorra Chi, who spoke in behalf of cum laude graduates, has a BSE degree major in mathematics from the Philippine Normal University. Other honor graduates include Arnel Marinay, magna cum laude with a BS Electronics and Communications Engineering degree from the University of San Jose-Recoletos in Cebu; and cum laude graduates Marilou Balmores, Mildred Mantua, Ronald Allan Belzena and Melvin Ocampo.

Other graduates came from the City College of Manila, Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Maynila, Sta. Rita College, Technological University of the Philippines, Adamson University, University of the East, Pamantasan ng Makati, University of Sto. Tomas, Rizal Technological College, St. Francis of Assisi, New Era University, University of the Philippines, Central Philippine University, the University of St. La Salle in Bacolod and the University of San Agustin in Iloilo.

Olpiano Avelino and Clarissa Pingol spoke on behalf of the parents of the scholars. Avelino's son Julius graduated from the New Era University. Pingol's son Pablo finished his course at the PLM.

SM Foundation's College Scholarship Program began in 1993 and has an average of 400 scholars every year. It was established to help poor but deserving students who want to pursue courses in education, chemistry, computer, electronics engineering and other similar courses.

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HONOR STUDENTS ALL. SM chair Henry Sy Sr. and wife Felicidad (seated, third and fourth from left) with their latest batch of scholars who led this year's graduation rites: PLM's magna cum laude graduates Anne Dolorso and Emmanuel Millar; cum laude graduates Melvin Ocampo, Marilou Balmores, Mildred Mantua, Janice May Delfin and Jomar Chua

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BS Education graduates Gloria Elarmo, Marianne Garcia and Janelynne Tolosa with their respective parents

OLPIANO Avelino, parent of New Era University, BS ECE graduate Jullus Avelino, talks about how the scholarship has helped their family.

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BS Education graduates Annaliza Imperial, Mary Rose Regidor and Adorella Santos with their respective parents

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JOY Barra of the University of San Jose-Recoletos Cebu and Engeleen Gubatanga of Adamson University with their respective parents

The first this year

ROBINSONS Department Store (RDS) celebrated recently the grand opening of its latest branch in Gen. Trias, Cavite.

The new store, located inside the Waltermart Center, was the first RDS to be opened this year and the third branch south of Manila. The other two are Robinsons Place in Imus, Cavite and at Waltermart Center in Sta. Rosa, Laguna.

Fr. Mar de Leon blessed the new establishment. Wilson Lim of Waltermart, Rey Pacial of Triumph International (Phils.) Inc., Nelson Chan of Freego, Rose Sia of Ivy League, Christopher Tiu of Bobson, Fely Embrador of FME Card and Elizabeth Gokongwei of the Robinsons Retail Group cut the ceremonial ribbon-cutting to officially open the store.

A sumptuous lunch buffet and a tour of the store followed.

The opening of RDS in Gen. Trias is in line with the company's expansion program this year. Another branch will open at Robinsons Place Novaliches on July 6.

ERIKA Alba of RDS emcees the inaugural rites.

JACQUELINE Lim and Walter Lim of Waltermart, Robina Gokongwei of RDS, Faith Ong and Ronnie Ong of Robinsons Supermarket

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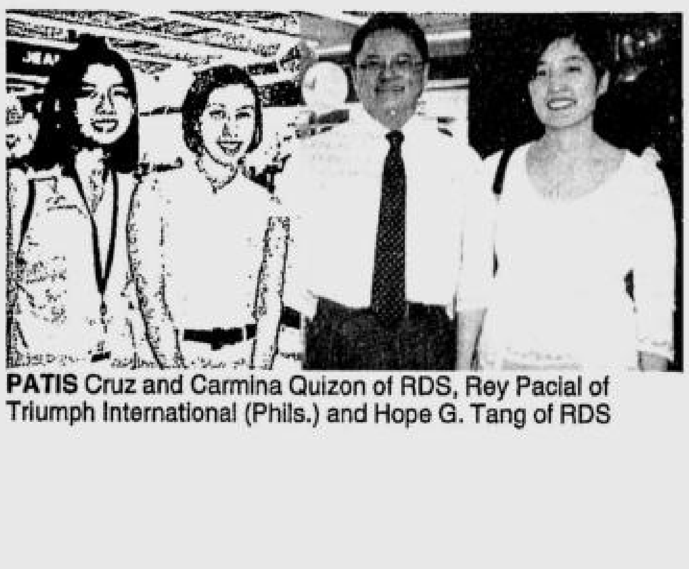
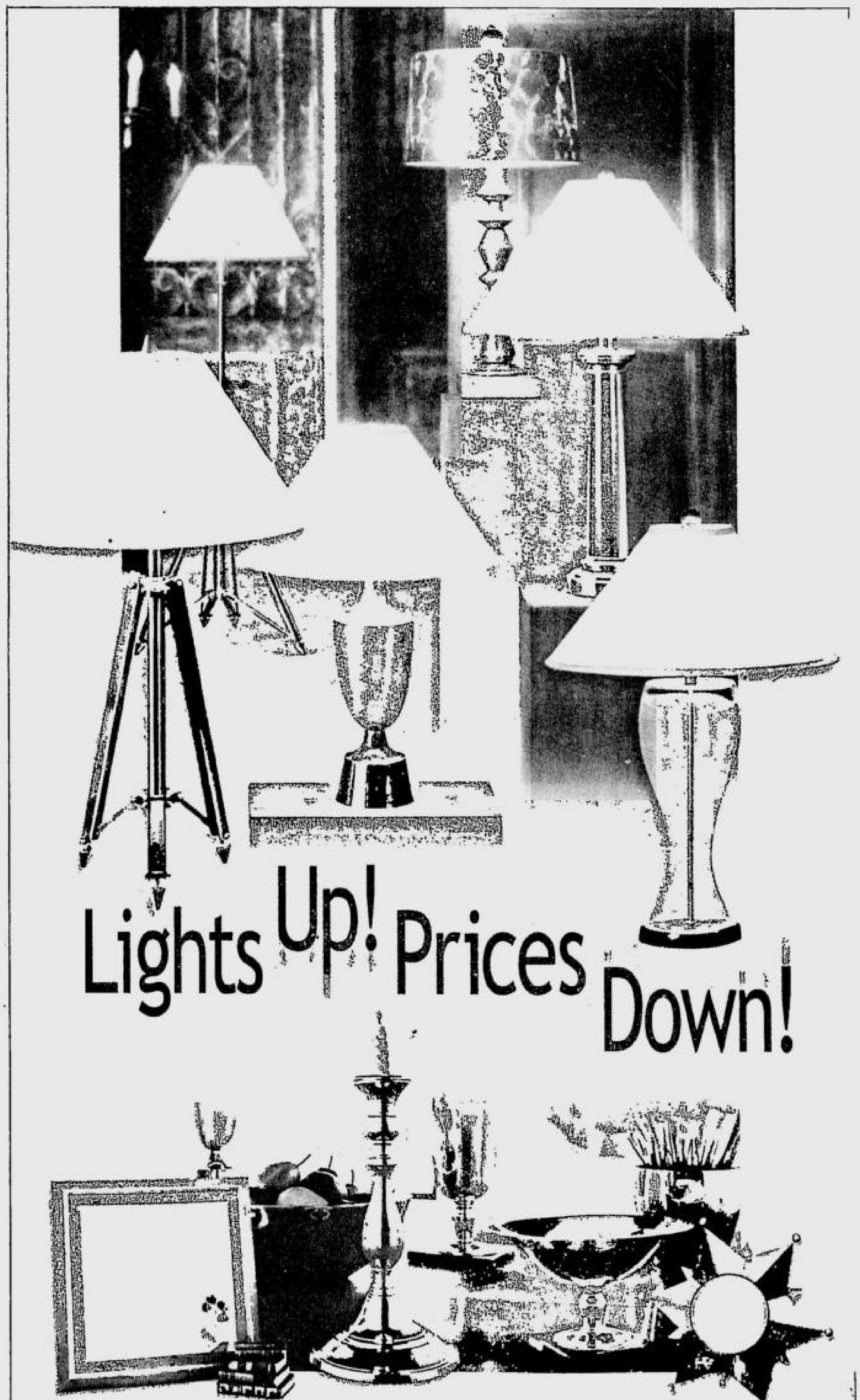


PATIS Cruz and Carmina Quizon of RDS, Rey Pacial of Triumph International (Phils.) and Hope G. Tang of RDS

ELIZABETH Gokongwei of Robinsons and Vicky Jardiolin of Confetti Shoes



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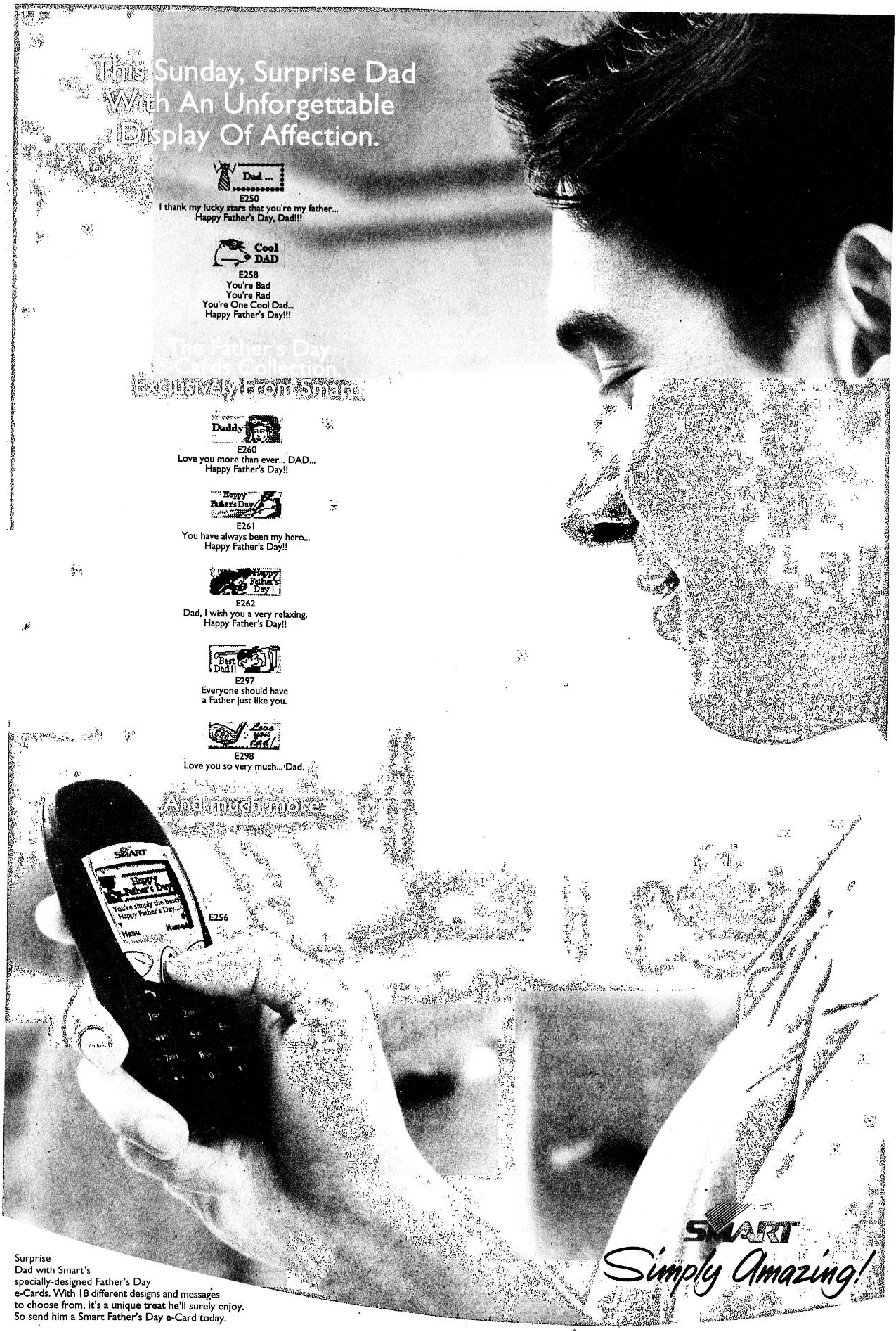

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Car theft menace shows collapsing peace and order

COMPILED BY LITO ZULUETA

IF the police do not lift a finger on the recent spate of car thefts outside the periphery of the ABS-CBN complex in South Triangle, QC, the network ought to do something about it because some of the victims are even their own talents, employees and executives.

The car owners have no choice but to park their vehicles outside the network because the ABS-CBN parking area is small and always full.

Arlene Lazaro, a former Lifestyle editorial assistant who now works with the ABS-CBN online department, lost her brand-new Honda Civic early last month.

Lazaro said she parked her car at around 3 p.m. right in front of the guard at the main entrance of the network on Bohol Avenue. When she went out at 9 p.m., the car was no longer there.

A more recent victim was **Ronniel de Guzman**, reporter-photographer of Manila Bulletin, who was at ABS-CBN last weekend to pick up his son who was taping for "Ang TV."

Inspector **Rexton Sawi** of the PNP Substation 3 at the corner of Mother Ignacia and Bohol Avenue, just across the main entrance of ABS-CBN, took De Guzman's complaint at around 2 a.m. on June 10. The officer was in his shorts, old tees and slippers.

Despite the increasing entries on the police blotter, the cops remain clueless about the car thefts in the area. Paging Inspector Gadget..

'Batibot' creator shot

PERHAPS because the police are not doing something about it, car thieves and other criminals have become more brazen. Late this week, playwright and "Batibot" writer **Rene Villanueva** and some comanions were driving on Balete Drive, not far from the ABS-CBN area, when they were flagged down by men who had just robbed a gas station and its customers. When they refused to stop, they were shot by the men who quickly commandeered the car and threw them out. Rene was hit in the face while his driver sustained a gunshot wound in the stomach. The bullet was lodged in Rene's facial skull and as of this writing, he is in critical condition at St. Luke's. Doctors are debating whether to operate on Rene considering his delicate condition: he just had a heart bypass three months ago.

No safe place

OVER in Libis, also in Quezon City, the emerging restaurant and bar row may see its promise nipped in the bud because of deteriorating peace and order. Recently, commercial model **Illac Diaz** parked his car to join his friends for a night of fun at one of the area's trendy new bars. He parked the car in front of the police station because he thought it would be safe there.

When Illac went back to his car, he found two of the wheels punctured and flat; the wheels of two other cars parked in front of the station were also vandalized.

Illac and his pals proceeded to change the wheels. They pulled out the jack and placed it beneath the vehicle. They left the jack when they went to a friend whose car was parked nearby and who wanted to show a new book. When they returned to Illac's car, they found the jack gone. And they had only been away for

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ILLAC Diaz: In a shooting mood after his car was vandalized while parked in front of a QC police station?

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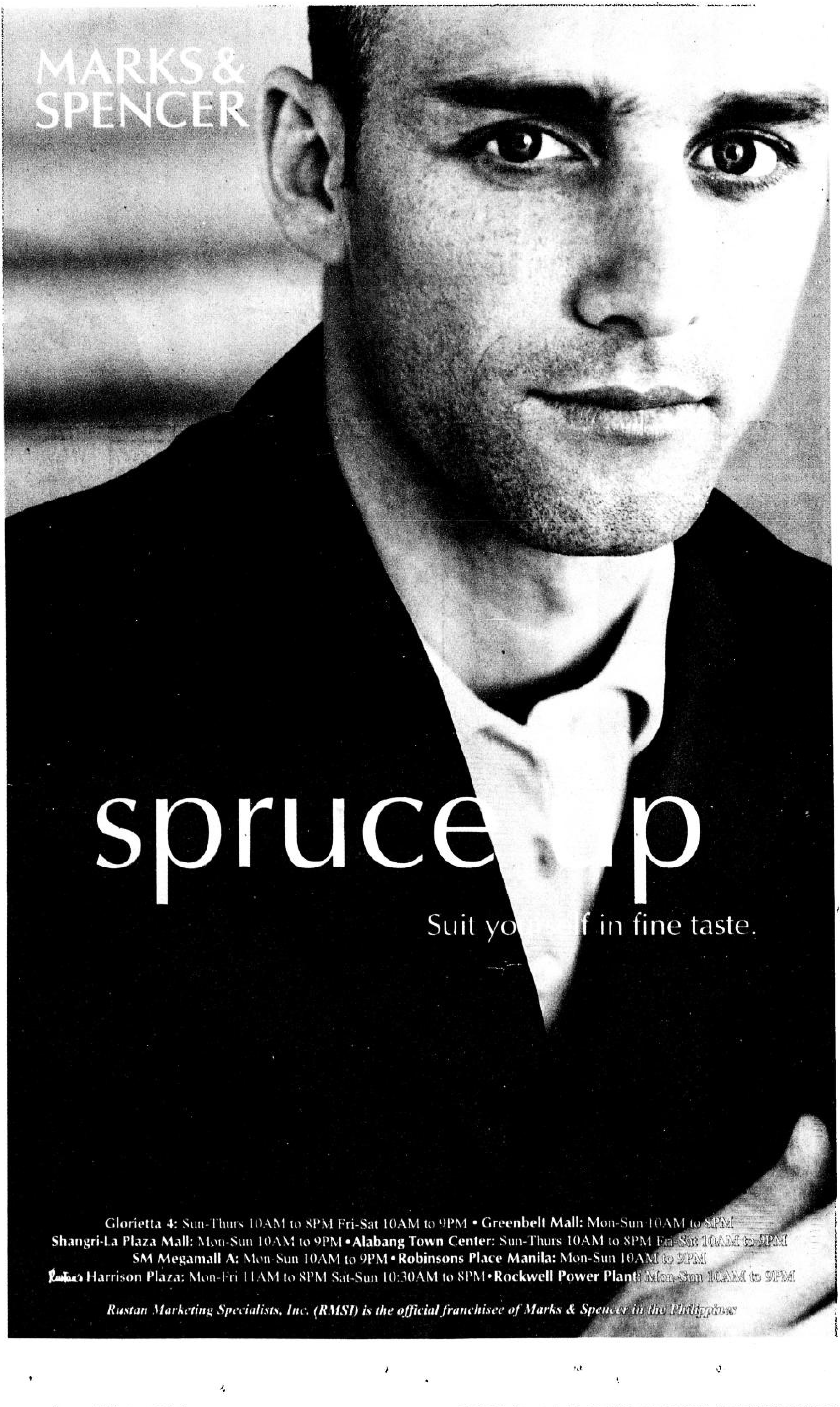

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Bulgari kicks up a storm of a party

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Raul Teehankee

THE LAUNCH of the latest accessories and the B.zero jewelry collection from Bulgari was a blast of a party. Guests came in disco attire to dance to the music of the '70s, the era of Earth, Wind and Fire, "Saturday Night Fever" and Smokey Robinson. The food from Azurro was sumptuous and delicious, thanks to chef and owner **Philip Goulding** who personally attended to the food preparations together with partner, **Sheila Romero**.

Mario Katigbak of Bulgari Phils. surely knows how to throw one hell of a party and sell loads of Bulgari accessories.

TESSA Valdes and Leica Carpo in '70s attire

RITA Neri, wedding planner of the year

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BULGARI models Grace, Easel, Baba and Isabela

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MARICRIS Perez with bodybuilder-model of Bulgari

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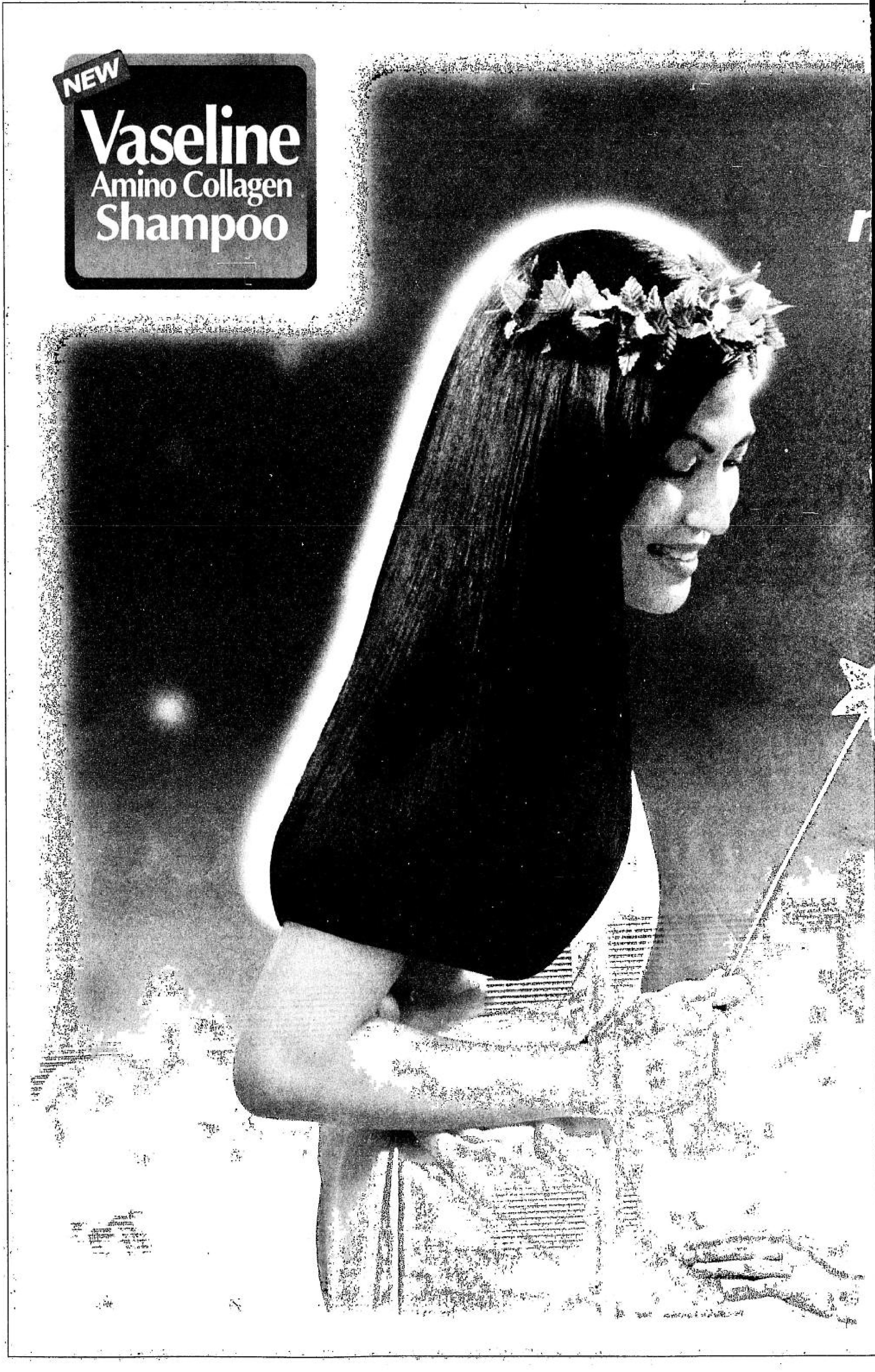

Car theft menace shows collapsing peace and order

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five minutes!

The beautician and the gov

?THE SCION of one of the country's most resilient—and despised—political clans is now alone in the governor's mansion. His wife has left him. She was in Bangkok to attend with him an international conference on tourism to improve the tourism prospects of their impoverished northern province when he stood her up. She found out later that he was in Singapore with his mistress. He was supposed to join her for a US holiday, but the governor's wife felt enough is enough. She scuttled the date and took their two kids with her to London.

Friends say the governor's wife could have lived with the charade if he had been more discreet. But one should not expect a spoiled brat to be a master of discretion. Friends were aghast when he even went around the province with his mistress, disgracing his wife and violating the sensibilities of the local folk known for their frugality of living and frugality of emotions.

RENE Villanueva: Shot by car robbers. What are QC cops doing?

The wife didn't find any consolation from his sister. "You shouldn't worry about him," the sister, also a political player in the province, told her. "Men are like that. She (the mistress) is just a passing fancy."

Look who's talking? The sister-in-law nearly lost her mind when her former husband took a fancy at a woman golfer and carried on a tempestuous romance with her.

As for the governor's mistress, she has five kids by different men and is said to have set her sights on buying a beauty salon in an upscale Makati shopping center, perhaps using the billions that her paramour's family is said to have stashed in banks abroad. Friends of the governor's wife pejoratively call her "that beautician."

Another two years maybe?

THE PASTOR family needed another phone line. After two long years, PLDT finally approved their application. On June 8, they got a letter informing them so and advising them to go to a PLDT office to pay the installation charge of P1,999 within 10 days after receipt of the letter. Exactly a week later, **Rosario Pastor** went to PLDT's España business office to settle the account. She was enraged to find out that the phone line was no longer available. It was too late, according to the people in the office. But only seven days had passed since the receipt of the letter, she argued—to no avail. The letter was dated May 25, they said. She should have gone to the office before June 4, which was impossible since the letter reached the Pastors only on the 8th.

At that exact moment, another woman was in the office with the same problem. The two women were asked to wait until new cables were hooked up so they could get their phone lines. When that would be, the PLDT people couldn't say.

From the reader

I REALLY appreciate **Constantino Tejero**'s interest and knowledge on contemporary Spanish cinema ("Spanish filmmakers are largely unknown to Filipino moviegoers," PDI Lifestyle, 06/04/01). He is right when he said that **Buñuel**, like **Picasso**, refused to work in **Franco**'s Spain. But there were other great directors working within Spain in those decades like **Luis Berlanga** and **J. Antonio Bardem** (the uncle of Oscar best actor nominee **Javier Bardem**) whose ideology was opposite the ruling regime's. Films like "El Verdugo (The Executioner)" or "Muerte de un iclista" (Death of a Bicycle Rider)" are in the anthology of the best European movies in the 20th century.

I agree: we probably have not been able to make these big talents known not only to the Philippines but also to the entire world. But this is not only a problem of Spanish movies and film directors, but of other Europeans as well. I don't know about Danish, Italian or Swedish films (it seems they don't have a film festival in Manila either). Are Filipinos very familiar with the genius of **Dreyer**, **Visconti** or **Bergman**? Believe me, even for Europeans, it is difficult to compete with Hollywood productions.

I appreciate the comments on the two movies we recently showed at the CCP. We don't have an annual film festival in Manila, and we won't probably have it by now, because what we have is a continuous program of Spanish movies throughout the year. "Las Cartas de Alou" and "Justino un Asesino de la Tercera Edad" are only the start of a project which will bring Spanish movies in 35-mm format to the Philippines. All those who love the cinema and are interested in Spanish productions have the opportunity to join us at Instituto Cervantes (corner Leon Guinto and Estrada Streets, Malate). Since 1994, we have been showing a Spanish film on video every week. (The most recent) showing (was) on June 14—"Cosas que dejé en la Habana," a 1997 film by **Manuel Gutiérrez Aragón**.

We at the Instituto Cervantes feel very close to Filipinos, and we try to impress upon them that our culture is not a superfluous matter. That's why we really appreciate comments like Mr. Tejero's because they help us do our work more effectively in the future.

(Sgd.) JAVIER GALVÁN
Director
Instituto Cervantes, Manila

Michael Kors bag, 'Absolutely Fabulous' and 'tiangge' killing

(From page G4)

And please don't think I mean to malign the *tiangge* either. I felt like I was in Aladdin's cave with the number of pearls literally dripping from each stall. Big ones, small ones, freshwater, seawater, baroque, white, champagne, gray and black ones—you name it, they have it. And the prices were absolutely to die for. I felt like a kid in a candy shop and suddenly the heat and the confusion didn't seem to matter so much anymore. What a wonder this place is. As an added plus, all those Moslem women manning the booths were so very nice to deal with. I think those Abu Sayyaf ruffians should be totally punished for giving our Moslem brethren a bad name when the great majority are all such nice people.

"And that's not all you get at the *tiangge*—darlings, they had fakes galore. If you know how to look, you can buy almost any brand you want and you can't tell the difference. Let's be serious here. I buy the real thing and I couldn't tell and, trust me, I love spotting people carrying fakes. All I can say is that the *tiangge* is **the** chic-est thing in Manila. Old-fashioned, honest-to-goodness value for money. No pretense whatsoever. What more can an old-fashioned girl ask for?

"My friend Dame Edna, who writes an occasional column for Vanity Fair, suggested I respond to some of the huge volume of e-mail I have been getting. I didn't realize I had touched so many poor souls out there with my unconventional views. While it is physically impossible to answer each and every letter I get, I do read them and will publish the best ones, so keep them coming. I do love my public…

"Well, I seem to have elicited quite a reaction from a number of our expatriate friends. The overwhelming majority didn't seem to like my reference to 'poor white trash' or 'aid workers.' All I can say to that is, if you reread my diary pages, you will find that I made constant use of the words 'in general.' Which, of course, means, it applies to the majority, but not to everybody.

"So, if you happened to feel slighted, feel comfortable in the fact that you have just confirmed that you are no Deeda Blair. Queen Amidala of the Nobu is more like it (with all due respect to the 'Episode 1' character, of course). In fact, from here on, I think I will give out Queen Amidala awards every so often. So watch out for them, children."

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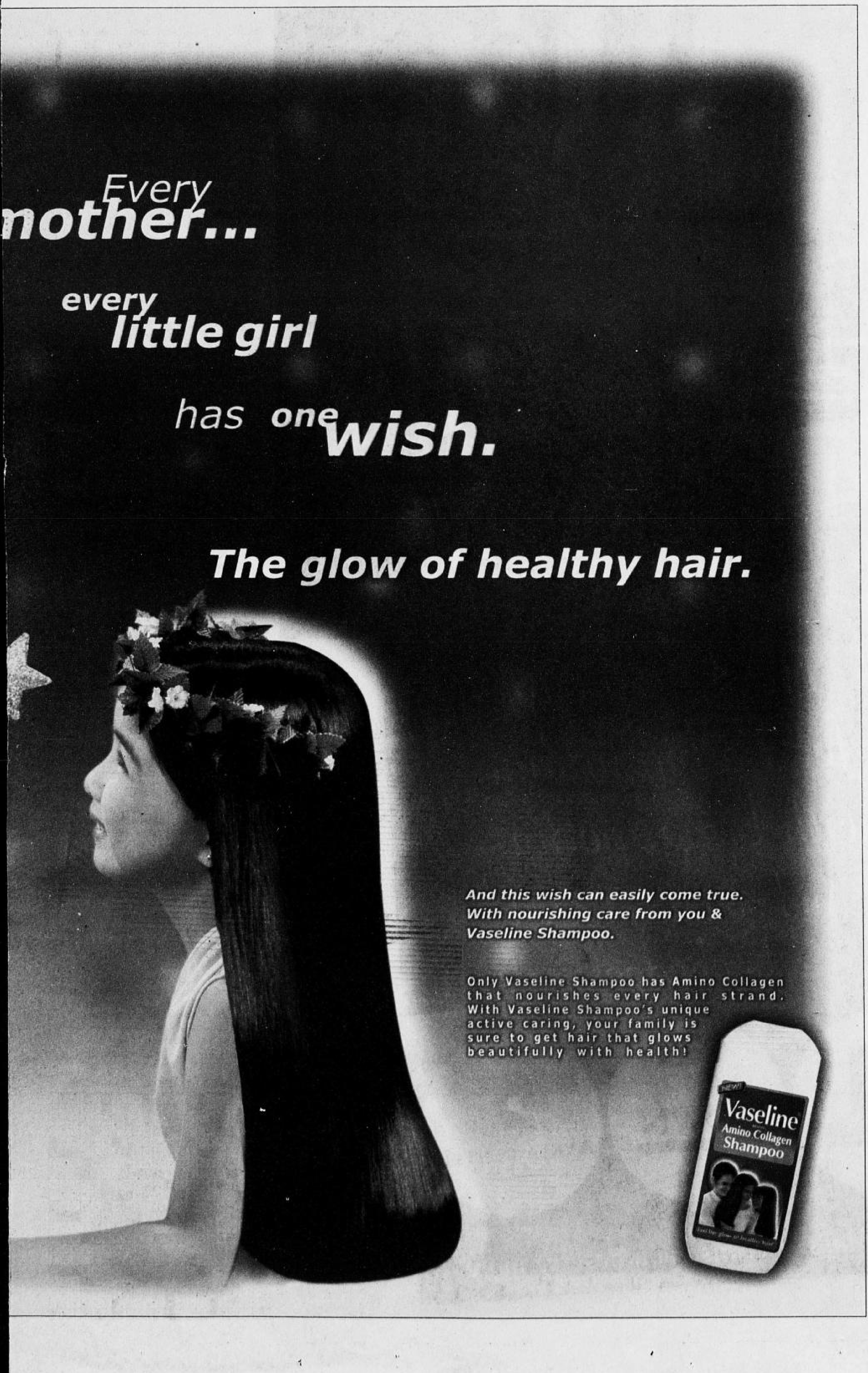

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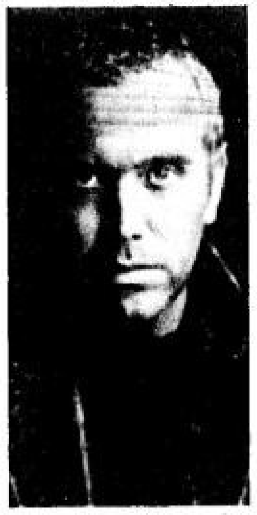
Michael Kors bag, 'Absolutely Fabulous' and 'tiangge' killing

By Anton San Diego

MUST-HAVE shoes by Michael Kors. His design and collections have received much praise for being unabashedly ladylike, timeless and wearable. This time around, the successful designer for elegant and all-American feel (as well as LVMH's Celine) has launched his shoe line. They are utterly feminine, hip and well-designed, a must for every fashionable lady in the city. So, who is the woman Michael Kors designs for? "She is a woman of any age, any nationality, and who is fashion-conscious without being a fashion victim." Just ask his actress fans like **Rene Russo, Gwyneth Paltrow, Sharon Stone** and **Barbra Streisand**. Michael Kors shoes are available at MIX, Greenbelt Mall, Makati.


DESIGNER Michael Kors

A Father's Day message. Fathers and sons have a unique relationship. Some fathers are close to their sons, some not. I envy young men who are able to have a conversation with their dads, play ball or just hang out. In the Philippines, machismo appears to have made many sons estranged from their fathers.

My relationship with my dad has not always been smooth. I grew up living in a house with a stranger, and for the longest time I was saddened, frustrated and angry. I'd watch movies like "Field of Dreams" and wonder how come we weren't as close as the father and son in the movie. In the movie, the father (**Kevin Costner**) would play baseball with his son; eventually his own father came back to life to play with him.

When my dad had a heart attack (three weeks later, my mom suffered the same attack), I remember visiting him in the hospital. His room was pitch black and I found him sleeping. I remember feeling afraid for him, of losing him. It was the first time I could recall holding his hand. This man who I had seen strong and fearless lay there, suddenly vulnerable.

When he woke up, I asked how he was. His voice was soft when he answered. My heart sank. Over the course of days, countless tests, sleepless nights, confusion and anxiety, he finally recovered. In those days I was with him, I somehow felt I had touched his soul. I know my dad loves me and I love him, but I guess men try to show it in the way they are most comfortable.

I have slowly understood him and stopped fighting the anger and frustration. I have accepted my father for what he is. I would like to wish him a happy Father's Day and tell him how much I appreciate and love him!

Wouldn't you want to see less of... Abu Sayyaf and kidnappings... Gas, water, electricity prices going up, while our salaries remain down... Where **Erap** and **Jinggoy** will actually stay in detention... Corrupt officials being caught by hidden cameras in those news programs... Replays of "Survivor" series in AXN. Hello! We know who won... Smoke-belching and road-hugging buses... Food-delivery motorcycles that think they are in a motorcross rally... Supposed friends who backbite and are never happy for other people's happiness... When in the mall and you're in a hurry, couples who walk arm to arm and block the escalator or walkways... Inefficiency... Bars and restaurants closing.

AB Fab

The return of "Ab Fab." Before "Ally McBeal" and "Sex and the City," there was one TV show that combined sex, fashion and sheer bitchiness—"Absolutely Fabulous." For those who followed the wacky adventures of these two divas (Patsy and Edina), here's good news—they're back! The British comedy to be aired in November of this year follows the hedonistic escapades of two former party girls: A divorced mother, Lacroix-wearing, fashion publicist and mouth spewing, "Sweetie, sweetie darling" (Edina); and beehive-haired, chain-smoking, man-hungry, former Rolling Stone groupie (Patsy). The new episodes open with Edina still promoting her fashion house, her daughter Saffy becoming an important actress and Patsy still drinking loads of champagne and moving from fashion journalism to public relations. Rumors have it that **Madonna,** a huge fan of the show and now UK resident, may appear on the show.

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Wouldn't we want to see more of... Hostages being freed... **Josh Hartnett** in the movie "Pearl Harbor," just him, not the movie... Theme parties, like the one on June 30 at Raj titled "Crouching Diva, Hidden Closet"... **Angelina Jolie** in "Tomb Raider"... Young, sexy, good-looking men and women like the ones I saw at the opening of U... A return to people being courteous, honest and encouraging... E! Channel in a lower channel, not all the way in 64 on my TV set... French Open winner **Jennifer Capriati**... Gorgeous *balikbayans* in town for some R&R: **Banana Cruz, Audrey Puckett-Chiu, Bea de Leon, Jackie Cohen.**

Diary of Constance Brooke San Lorenzo vda. de Pendleton. This has been one boring week for this former Mare and now legendary socialite, what with no supply of Brannvin vodka and the heat so overbearing, makes her want to take on the Abu Sayyaf. But she's a lady with an education, not to mention she's had a recent botox job on her forehead. This week she writes on her *tiangge* experience and mail from her readers.

"I finally went to the Virra Mall *tiangge* this week—yes, it had to come out in Vogue before I ventured there—silly, silly me! I must tell you I normally avoid bazaars of this sort like the plague. The sheer number of people and the heat are very draining to my delicate constitution. So I usually shop in refined temples, like Bergdorf Goodman or the Couture Salon at Saks; after all, do you really need that extra pair of shoes or one more Kelly bag? For me, shopping has always been a therapy, so I gravitate toward more refined surroundings. My late husband used to call it my lifeline. And he was right!

"But that was before I went to the *tiangge*. I finally see why all those Mares always wore pearls! I am close to 100 percent certain they did not get them from Harry Winston or even Jewelmer! No wonder they always smiled ever so coyly when I remarked about their pearls—all of them had been bought from the *tiangge*!

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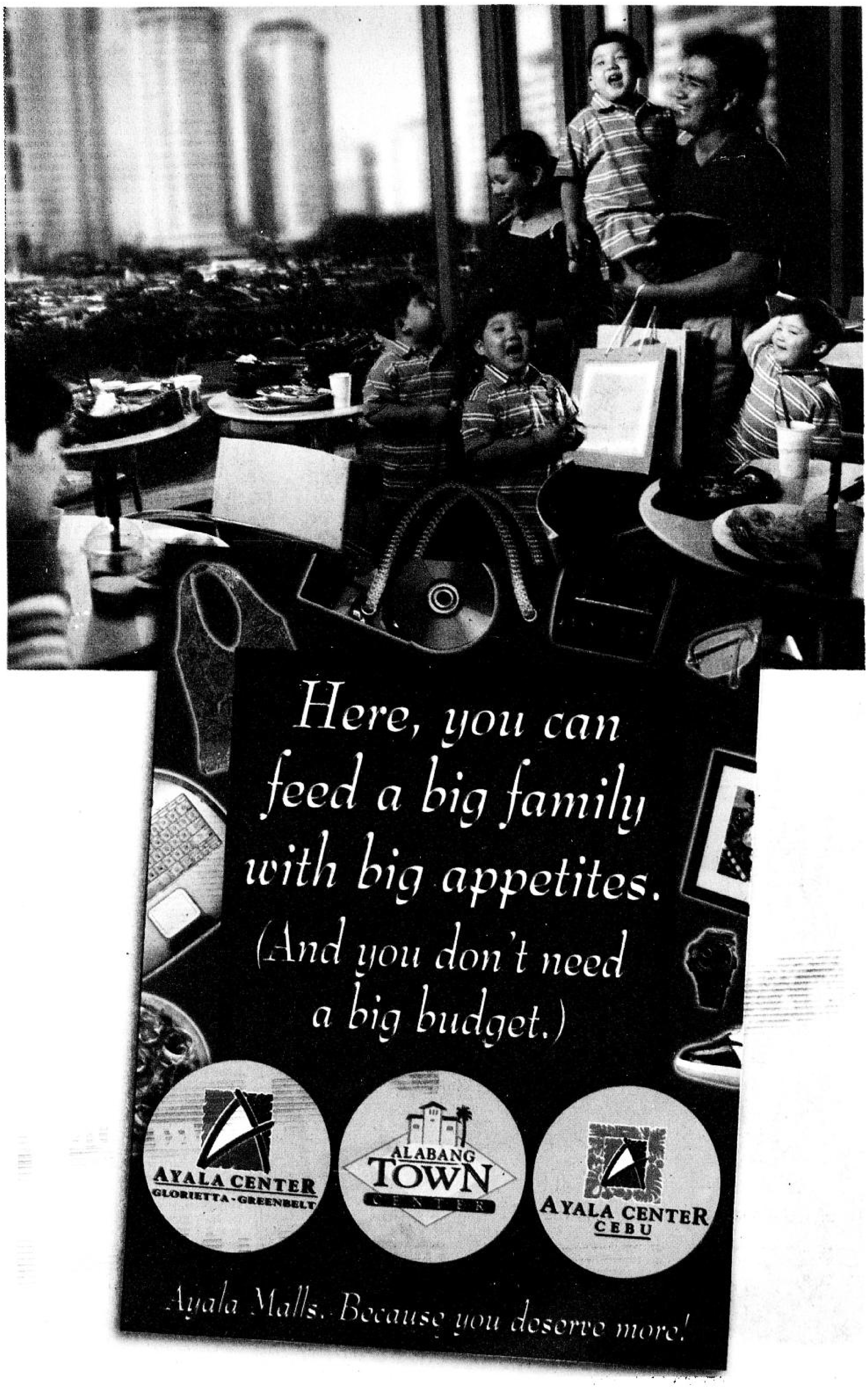
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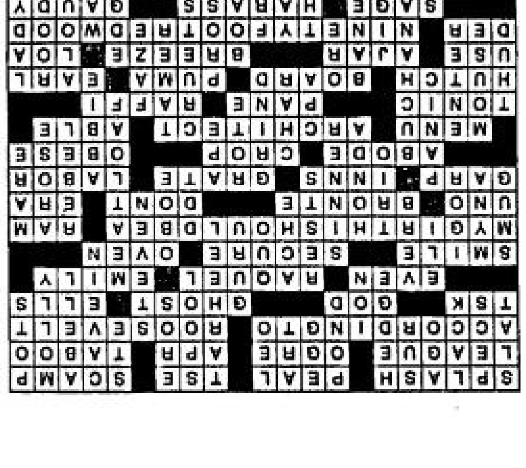

FATHER'S *Day*

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O little town of Bethlehem...

BY ANNALYN PINEDA

I AM a certified daddy's girl. This attachment however, I couldn't trace to any particular rationale. As far as I can remember, I only started to sleep in my own room when I could no longer stand my Lola's endless teasing. I was 14 then and that meant no more lullabies before bedtime nor my dad's protective arms wrapped around me everytime a bad dream would wake me up in the wee hours of the morning.

It was reassuring back then, seeing our old Ford Cortina parked outside the school, that I would be going home with Dad and it would be okay to miss Mang Juan's service jeep and the rest of my noisy schoolmates. I remembered the many times Dad caught me buying "Funny Komiks" and how he would laugh it off, knowing Mom wouldn't approve of it.

Maybe I have outgrown some of the things Dad and I used to do together, but it doesn't bother me seeing him in the living room waiting for me to arrive from work. Habits, he says, are hard to break. Bet had this writing assignment come a little earlier, he would have gladly driven me to Little Baguio in Bulacan and personally introduced me to the father of Bethlehem.

Fr. Boyet Concepcion, a secular priest on his 19th year of mission work, acquired a lot in a very depressed squatter's area from a family in Baliuag. House of Bread, as what Bethlehem meant, was originally built to cater to the malnourished. But it soon had to take in babies born out of wedlock and abandoned kids since Bethlehem's location had been most prone to such conditions.

The task of looking after these children didn't end with providing milk to feed and clothes to wear. Something more holisitc was actually needed. Assisted by six house parents, Fr. Boyet somehow tried to make a difference in the children's lives by not only giving them a place to stay but also a home they could call their own.

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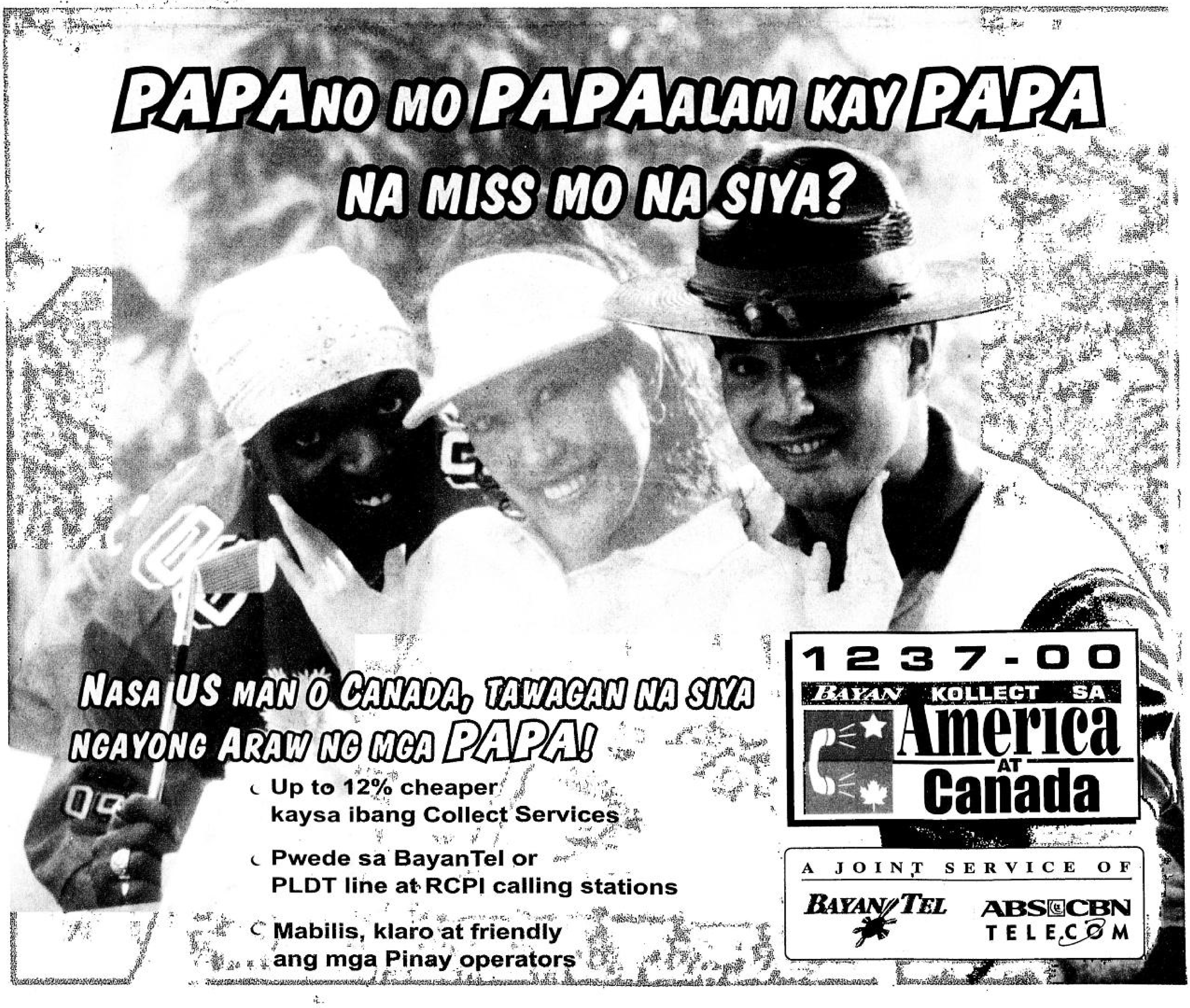
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Citibank's exclusive treats for Dad

COME June 17, take time out and show the head of the family how much he is appreciated. Wake him up with breakfast in bed, treat him to a sumptuous lunch or cozy dinner, take him out for a night of karaoke singing, or better yet, go and get him the golf clubs he's been eyeing for months but just won't buy for himself.

To help you celebrate with Dad, Citibank credit cards have teamed up with the country's leading merchants and preferred dining places to give you exclusive discounts and privileges. "All year round, our dads have been taking care of us. This is our turn to treat them, and we at Citibank are giving our cardholders a range of gift-giving and dining options—all loaded with discounts and free treats," explained Jenny Lacerna, Citibank assistant vice president for cards marketing.

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For more shopping ideas, check out Avid Sales for a wide selection of Sony products, Electroworld for electronic gadgets, the Leather Collection for quality leather items, and Powerbooks for the latest bestsellers.

Maybe a lasting gift? Go to Hans Brumann, JMA Jewelry, Lili Jewelry, Mix Gems, Oro Y Plata, Seven Gems, Venice Jewellers, Viomar Fine Jewelry or V.Y. Domingo and get as much as 60 percent off. You can also treat him to a well-deserved pampering from Orient Day Spa, Perk or the Aromatherapy Center.

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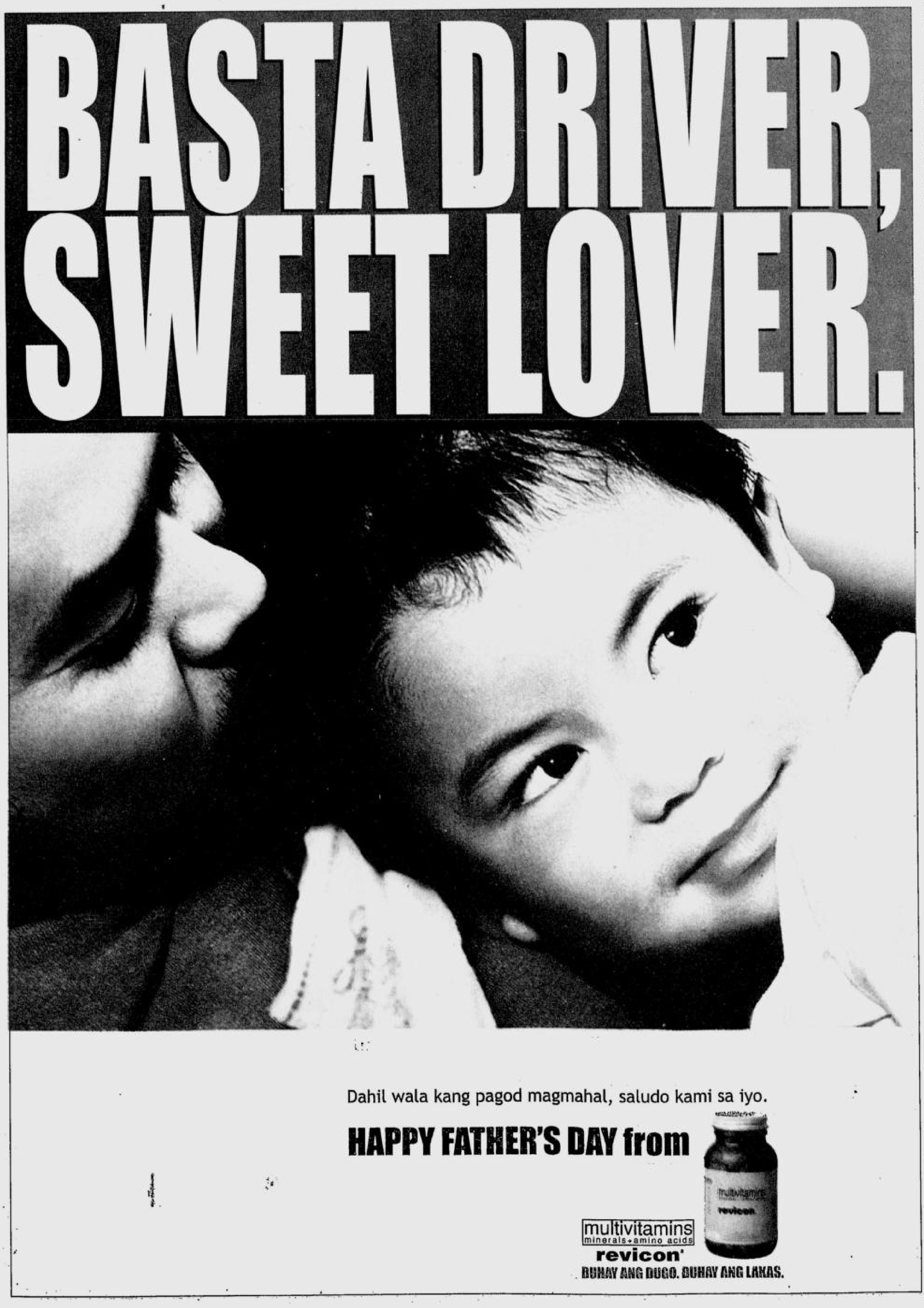

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O little town...

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"Bethlehem is far different from just preaching about the society's problem on poverty", Father says. "It's more complicated than just having nothing to eat. Here we are, faced with the sad reality of that problem. These kids are too young to realize the traumatic experience they are going through. So, it's a wake-up call for all of us. If this might have been just a job, I would have quit a long time ago."

The "battleground", as the two-year-old orphanage is referred to, is a place of giggling kids running about. Some tug, fight and cry, while others enjoy themselves at the day care, seemingly oblivious of the hardships their young bodies had been subjected to. Fr. Boyet is most watchful of his toddlers who love to climb trees, learning from one who broke her arm falling off the mango tree sometime ago.

Not being the "true" biological father to these 70 children did not stop Fr. Boyet from taking the responsibility of looking after their welfare. He chose to spend nearly all his time with them, giving his best to improve their lives and to let them feel they are loved--at least in this small patch of land called Bethlehem. He doesn't have to memorize all their names. He can tell them all apart just by their hugs.

Fathering Bethlehem's children entails not a simple, shallow commitment. To be a "father" in Bethlehem means helping everyone know Christ through others who have willingly and unselfishly given a part of themselves to less fortunate brothers and sisters.

Bethlehem, just like any other home, may encounter its own troubles along the way, but it sure is reassuring to have Father around to stand by the kids. Propped up by kind-hearted sponsors, Bethlehem continues to care for children. These children fill the empty space in Fr. Boyet's heart. They give meaning to his ministry. Children intensify the presence of Christ in others, and deepens the commitment of everyone involved in the everyday affairs of Bethlehem.

The Brain Growth Spurt: Golden opportunity

The brain growth spurt requires proper nutritional care and significant amounts of DHA and AA

THERE is a period in your child's development when an extraordinary biological activity occurs. This period is called the brain growth spurt. This begins during the third trimester of pregnancy up until your child is 2 ½ years old. Since most of your child's brain development occurs after birth, it is important that you make the most out of this precious period in your child's life.

The brain growth spurt requires proper nutritional care and significant amounts of DHA and AA. These are long chain polyunsaturated fatty acids that help support mental and visual development in children. The foods weaning children are most likely to eat are not necessarily good sources of DHA and AA.

Common weaning foods such as rice or cereals; fruits (basically papaya, banana and mango), vegetables (potatoes and carrots), meat (beef or pork which are given at most at 1 tablespoon twice a day), and eggs (yolk only at 1 tablespoon 2 to 3 times a week) do not provide enough levels of fatty acids for a balanced level of DHA and AA.

That is why your child deserves proper nutrition from a milk supplement with the appropriate ingredients. A milk supplement with an appropriately balanced, well-tolerated blend of both DHA and AA for sharper mind and sharper vision; nucleotides for enhanced immunity; iron for the prevention of iron deficiency anemia; a blend of natural mixed carotenoids for maintenance of healthy cells; and selenium for antioxidant benefits.

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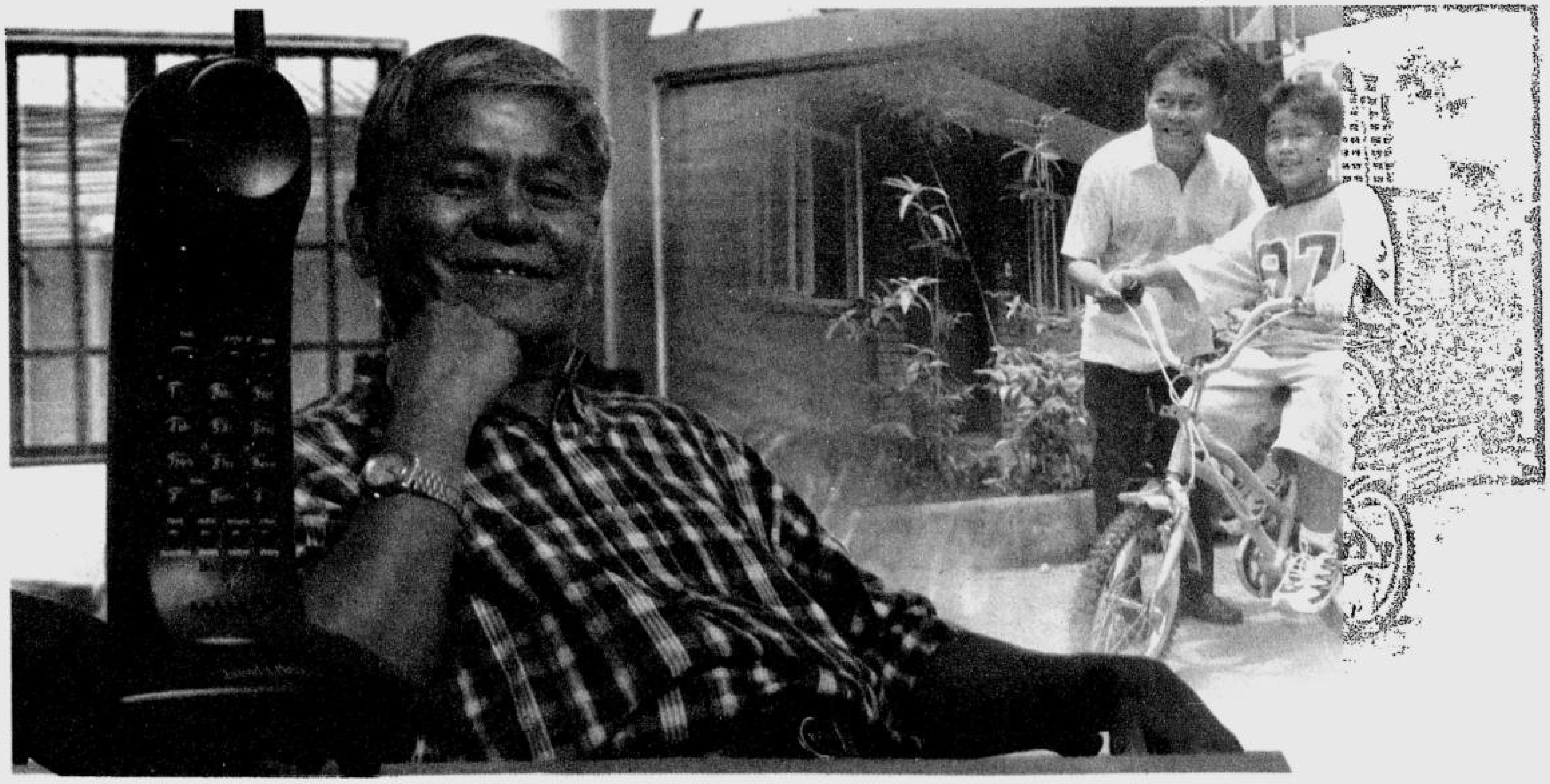

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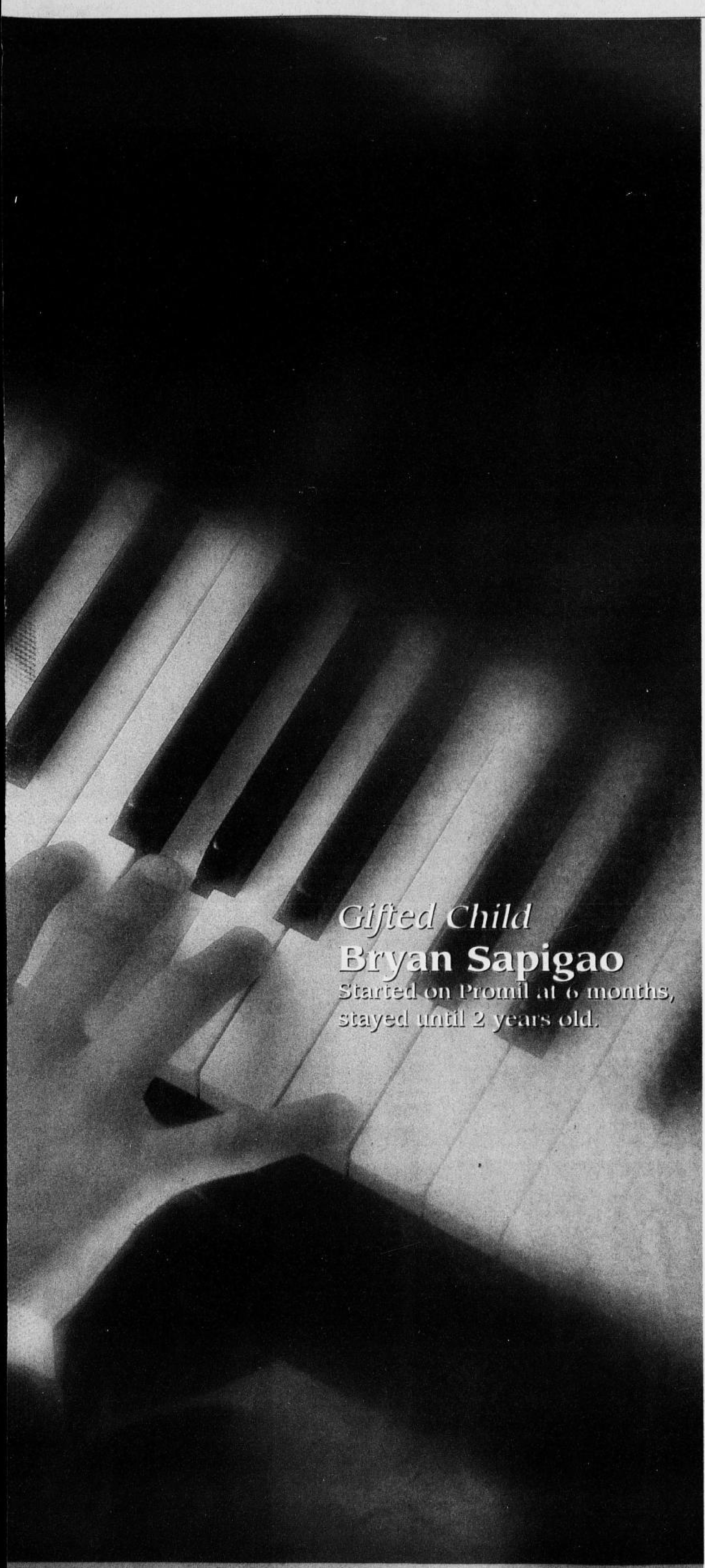

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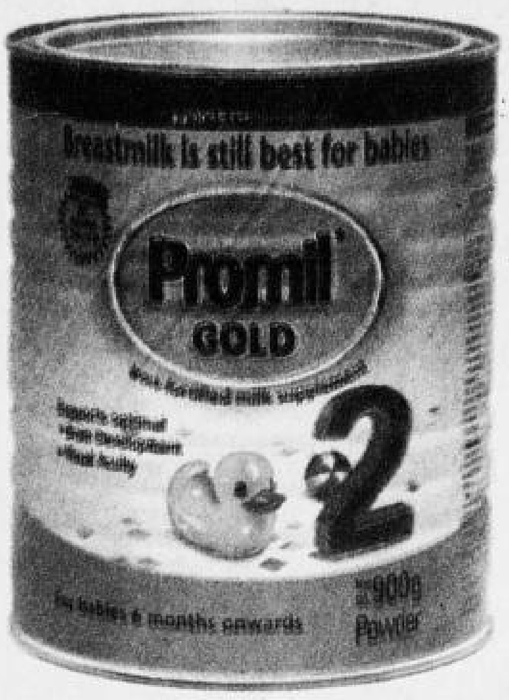
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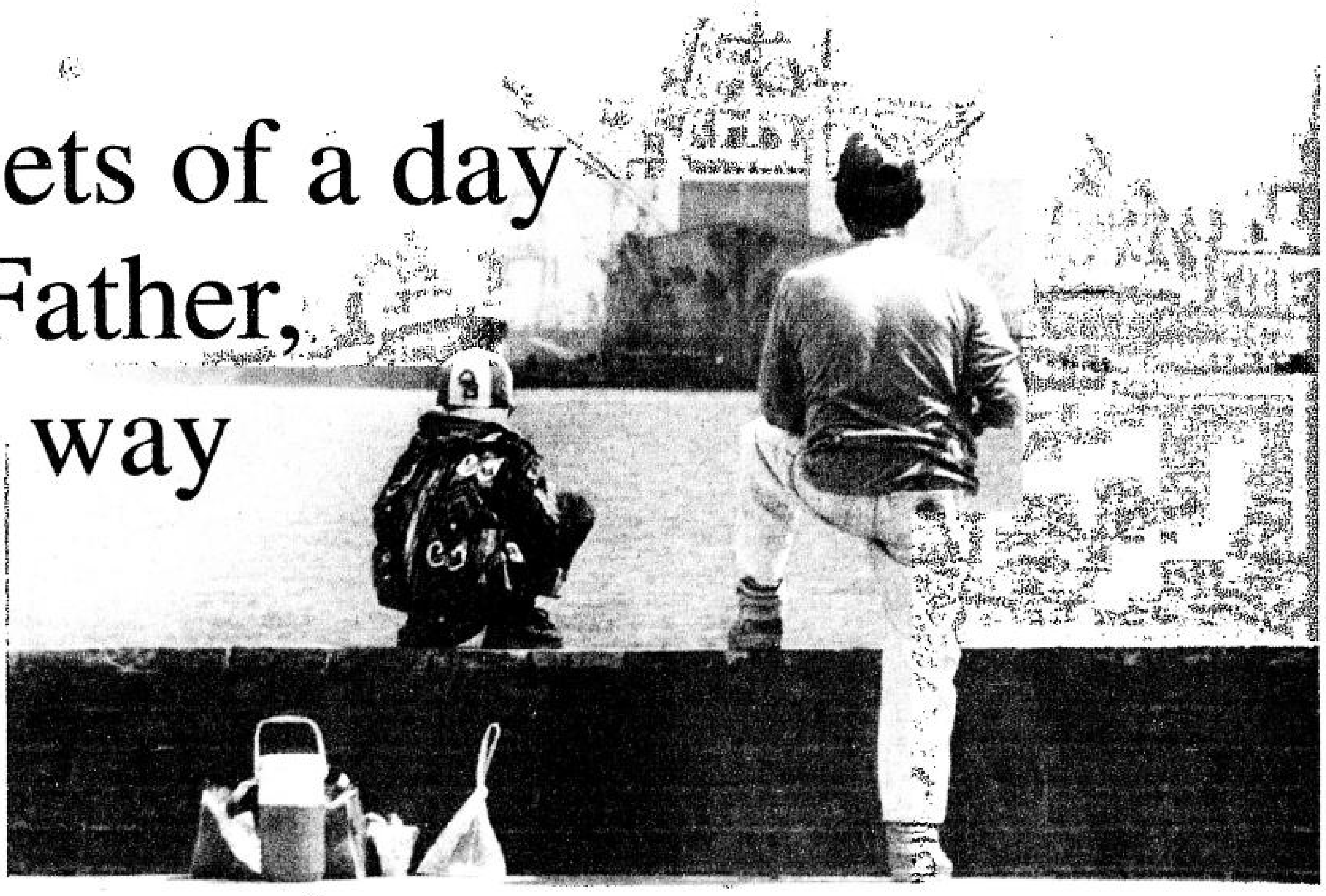
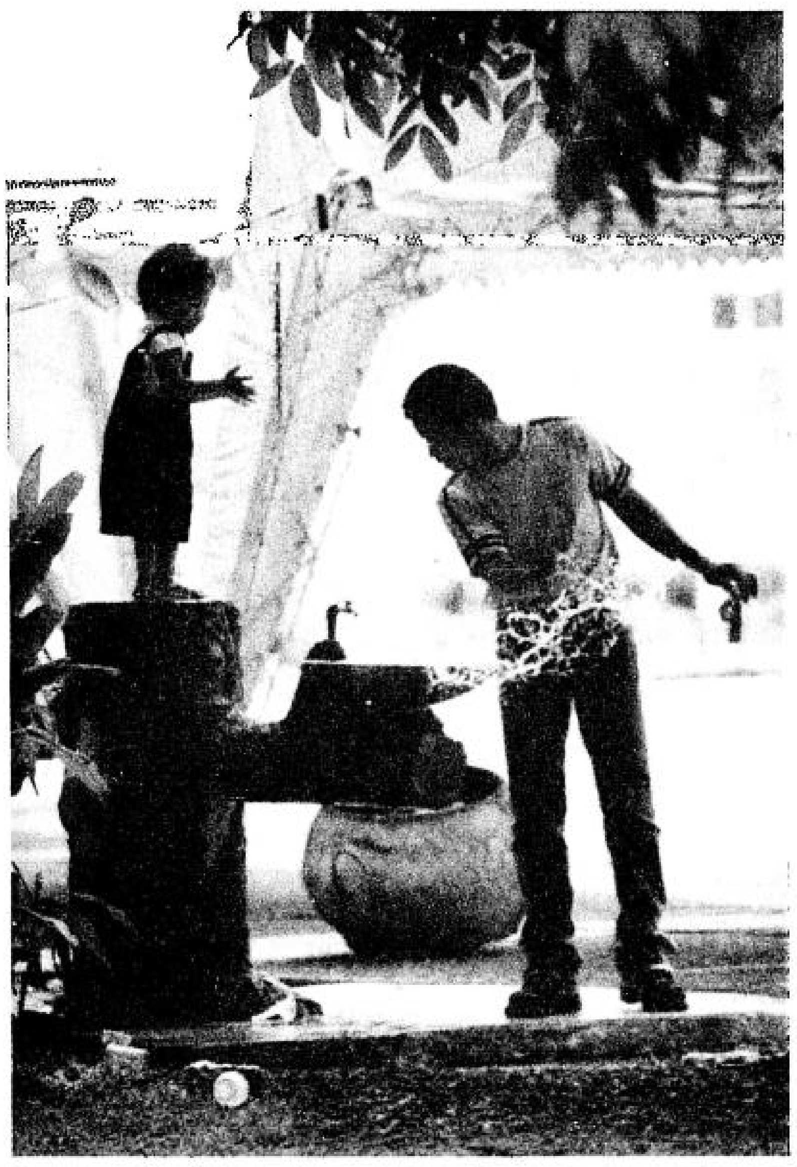
Snippets of a day with Father, the Pinoy way



"TAY, if I become a seaman like you, will I get to drive my own boat that big?'



'WOW! Show me some more of that neat magic trick.'

'SON, I want you to be the Tiger Woods of tennis. Got that?'

'NOW, did Pop leave just enough for me?'

'UH-OH. I'm getting sleepy myself.'

'MY child, you are, indeed, heaven-sent!'

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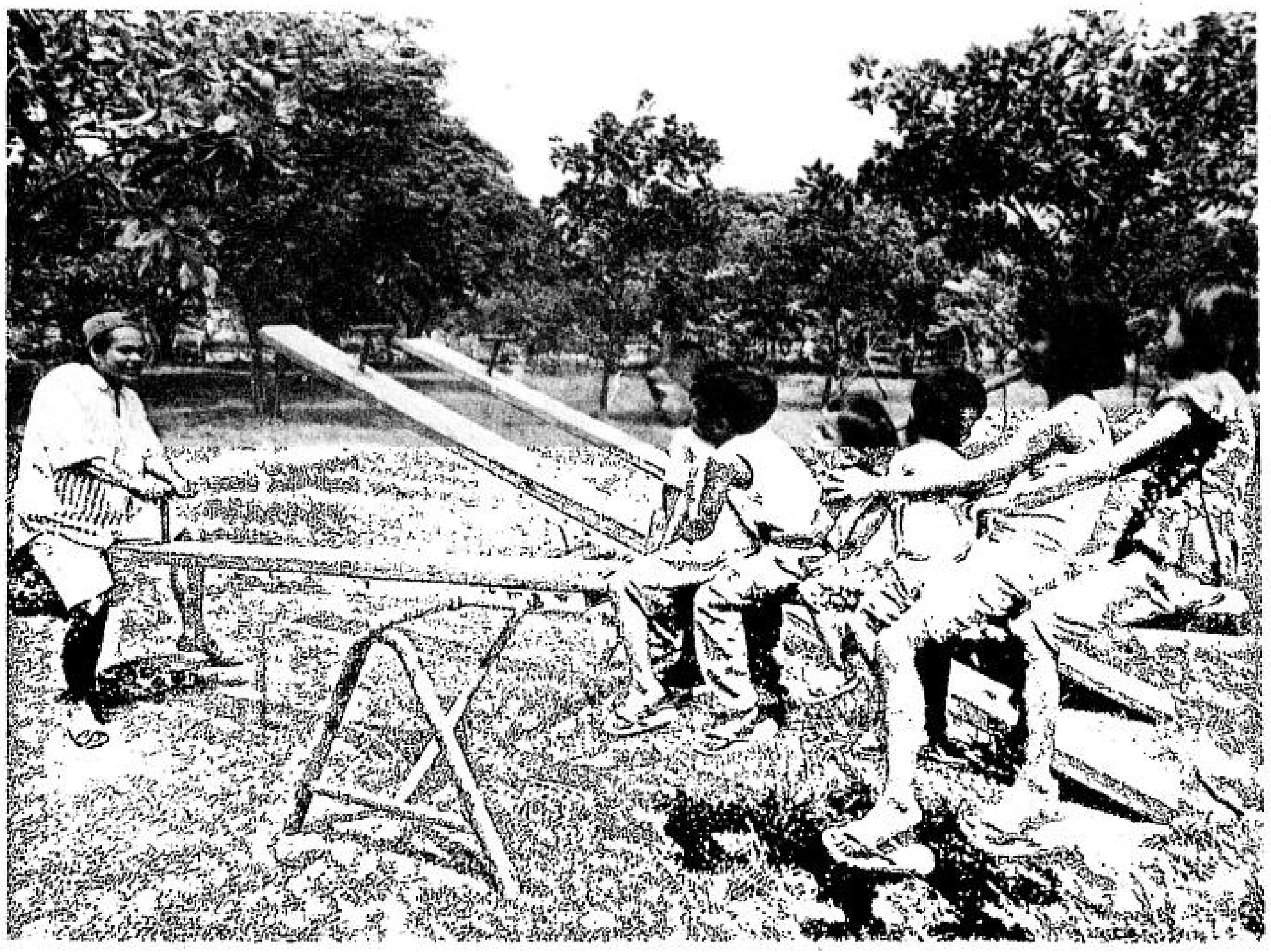
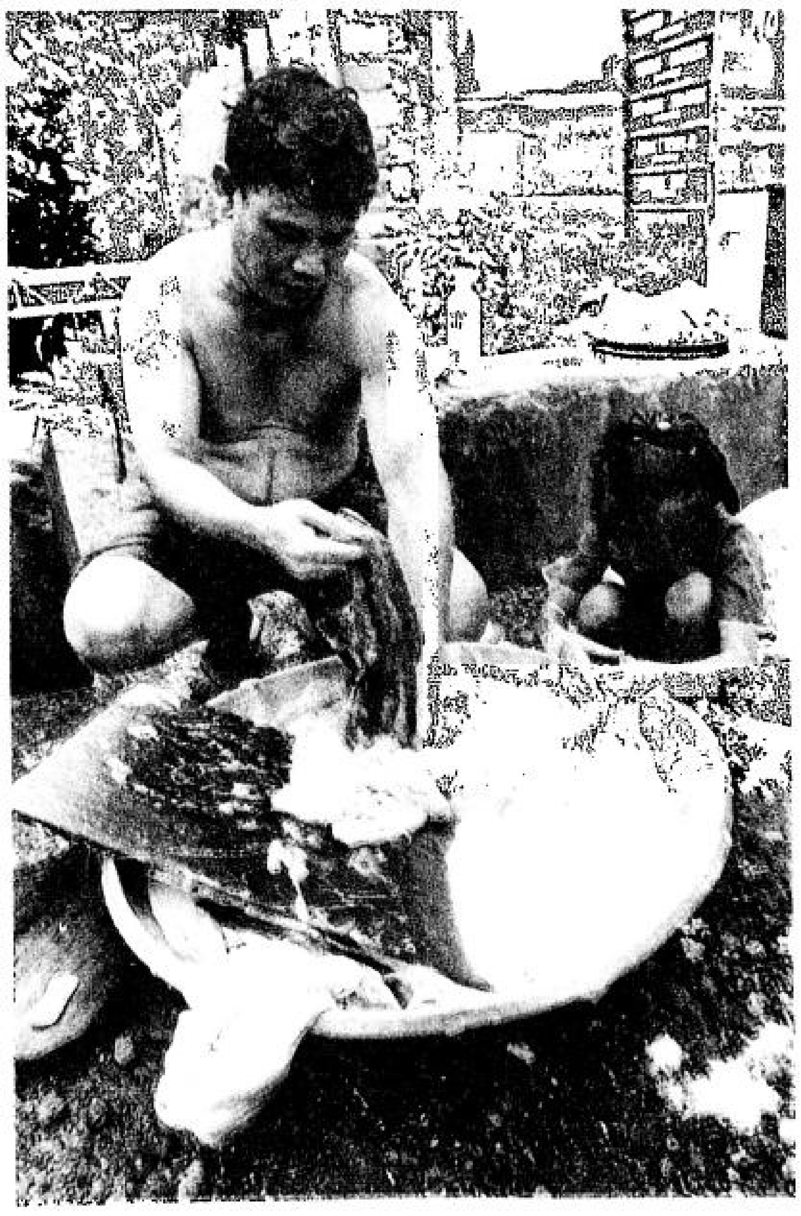


'ARGH! It's not easy raising six kids on your own—literally.'



'THIS pair of shorts I'm wearing is the last piece of clothing I have. So, let's hurry up, won't we?'

Rexona takes part in beach football action

WHEN the beach is mentioned, thoughts of white sand, volleyball, the ocean and water sports come to mind. Now, five years since it was first introduced in the country, beach football is giving people another good reason to hit the country's local beaches during the hot summer months.

After it was introduced in Boracay in 1995 by a group of field soccer fanatics from the University of the Philippines-Diliman, beach football is now a certified hit. In fact, the Beach Football Association of the Philippines' (BFAP) annual tournament recently drew 18 teams from different colleges and universities for the University Cup.

But enthusiasts of the young sport have something new to be excited about this year. As part of the "Rexona Ultimate Challenge Series" (RUCS), Unilever Philippines' Rexona deodorant stick has adopted the game by sponsoring this year's tournament.

The RUCS Beach Volleyball Open has six legs: the University Cup, the Visayas-Mindanao Cup, Luzon Cup, Quicksand Open, the National Championships and the International Beach Football Invitational Tournament. The first five events will serve as elimination rounds for the international games which will be held in Subic this November.

During each tournament, Rexona will include side games to be participated in by the Rexona Ultimate Challenge Team, selected celebrities, models and beauty titlists. Dubbed as the "Stars and Sand," the side games will feature beach football regulars such as Brazilian minor leaguer and Rexona team mid-forward Francisco Sebok, celebrities Maricel Morales and Via Veloso and beauty titlists Georgina Sandico and Gem Padilla.

Celebrities go a beach-hoppin'!

Gem Padilla, former model and beauty title holder and now entrepreneur, is glad she has found another venue to display her athletic abilities. After playing basketball in college, volleyball in inter-barangay tournaments and badminton in country clubs, she welcomes playing beach football in her favorite beaches.

When asked what she thinks about beach football, Gem says she gives the young sport "a year or two before every Filipino has tried it out." Observing that Pinoys have a natural inclination to sports, Gem says beach football is a new summer craze just waiting to happen.

But for those who grew up with the sport, like Francisco Sebok, joining the RUCS Beach Football Open is just an added bonus where he could foster budding friendships, as well as hone his skill. Having been in the Philippines for only 10 months, Kiko is indeed having fun mixing business with pleasure.

Kiko is presently enrolled at the Instituto Cervantes near De La Salle University taking up Spanish and computer courses. He plans to go to the United States afterwards on a scholarship grant and finish sports management before he goes back to Brazil to maybe manage a team in the soccer federation there. A looker at 18 and a Focolare Movement (an international Catholic organization) avid follower, Kiko is set on meeting his goals but is adamant about having fun at the same time.

A model Rexona youth

Enjoying beach football with Kiko and Gem is student achiever Sally Jo Bellosillo, a 20-year old UP-Diliman incoming senior. A passionate student aspiring to become a lawyer, Sally Jo would seem out of place in such a setting, until you see her dribbling a beach football. Having been exposed to soccer at the age of six, Sally Jo is a certified female jock, having helped her school's women's varsity team win in the University Athletic Association of the Philippines (UAAP).

With a bubbly personality, it's easy to see why Sally Jo is among the crowd favorites when these beach football enthusiasts compete. Mike Athab, UP-Diliman women's football coach and chair of the BFAP, speaks highly of her focus not only in beach football but in her studies and entrepreneurial endeavors as well.

What it's all about

Gem, Kiko, Sally Jo, these are only some of the participants that make RUCS organizers proud of their beach football initiative. After all, athletic prowess, beauty, brains and social conscience are what RUCS is all about. The participants in this four-pronged sports program by Rexona are young, but nonetheless well-rounded and equipped with the necessary skills for taking on the future, in the world of sports or otherwise.

Want to get some exclusive inside knowledge about these celebrities and beach football? Check out the RUCS Beach Football Open schedule of games and updates at the RUCS official website at www.ultimatechallengeseries.com.

Handyman honors dads

HANDYMAN, the do-it-yourself hardware shop of Robinsons, celebrates Father's Day with exciting gifts and surprises for the man of the house. Made especially for dads is Handyman's June Brochure that lists down perfect gifts for fathers. Mom and kids, check out this brochure and find something for dear hubby and daddy. Surprise him with a new car accessory or a tool kit, or maybe his favorite garden tools. Better yet, let him choose what he wants from the brochure, which also contains tips on fixing a blown fuse and repairing damaged furniture and broken appliances.

Aside from gift surprises, Handyman also offers dads special discounts on selected items. Prominently displayed in the store's Handy Buys Corner and regular shelves is a whole collection of items at specially marked down prices, including rechargeable battery kit, water purifier, flashlights, car mat, home surveillance security camera, claw hammer, multi-purpose tool, air freshener, disinfectant and a lot more cool items offered with a 5 to 20-percent discount. Dads, it's time to shop at Handyman and avail of all these discounts and special offers.

Now, it's good news to all fathers living in Cavite. Handyman opens a third branch at Waltermart Center in General Trias. The outlet offers an extensive line of hardware products, including electrical and power tools, plumbing equipment, gardening tools, home care products, car and paint accessories, and a lot more. Handyman will soon open an outlet in Novaliches and a third store in Iloilo. Handyman has 32 branches nationwide.

Unity in diversity

WHOEVER said parts comprise to make a whole was never more closer to the truth. A team, for example, may be considered as one entity, but it's still made up of many individual members that work together to achieve a common goal.

Take the RP-Rexona Team, for example. Composed of star players from the Metropolitan Basketball Association (MBA), the defending South East Asian Basketball Association (Seaba) Men's Basketball champs are now adjusting to working as one to keep the title, as well as to represent the country in the coming South East Asian Games in August.

As players who are used to being pitted against each other in the MBA games, the hoop stars now have to set aside their differences. They have to work double time and practice with the rest of the Rexona-sponsored RP team to get their game in sync. Romel Adducul, center forward and team captain, even said that in this particular team, there is no such thing as a star player. Everybody puts in the same number of hours for practice and the tune-up game against MBA teams in the provinces.

To further help the team's game come together as defending champions, head coach David "Boysie" Zamar holds regular teambuilding sessions. It is during these "bonding" moments that each player gets to know each other better. Player Eddie Laure even said they discuss their mission, purpose and core values as a team, which are important factors in order to play well together.

Vince Hizon, who was allowed by the management of the Iloilo Megavoltz to join the Rexona-RP team, said each player must also develop the discipline to work on their individual weaknesses. For some, like team point-guard Chito Victolero, their personal mission is to learn something new every time they step on the hardcourt.

After a day practicing and working out to keep in shape, the players also need to get the proper rest. When away from the hardcourt, players such as Chris Calaguio and Peter Martin also spend quality time with their family to make up for the times when they're on tour. Most of them also indulge in their hobbies or just stay home watching the movies they missed.

Overall, the short months the RP-Rexona team spent together thoroughly prepared the players for their tour. Not only will they be proving that there can be unity in diversity, their acquired knowledge from the teambuilding sessions will also be put to the test. The players are also set to conduct cage clinics for kids in the provinces as part of the Rexona Ultimate Challenge Series.

Seems like too much for these busy pro ball players? Hardly. It's all part of their goal to become the best players, even as they face up to the challenging task of playing with the top guns of Philippine basketball.

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'Dad, I caught our moment on film'

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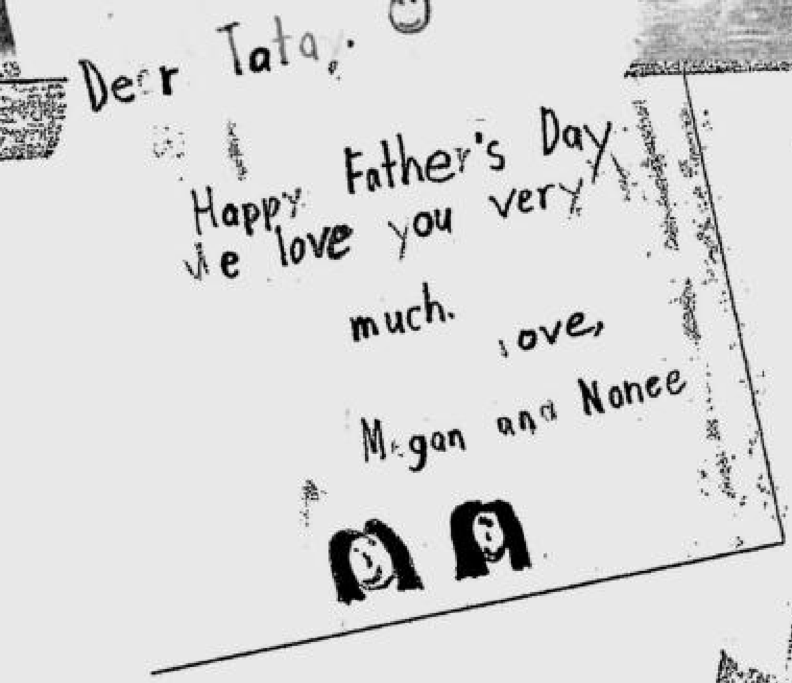

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Happy Father's Day
We love you very
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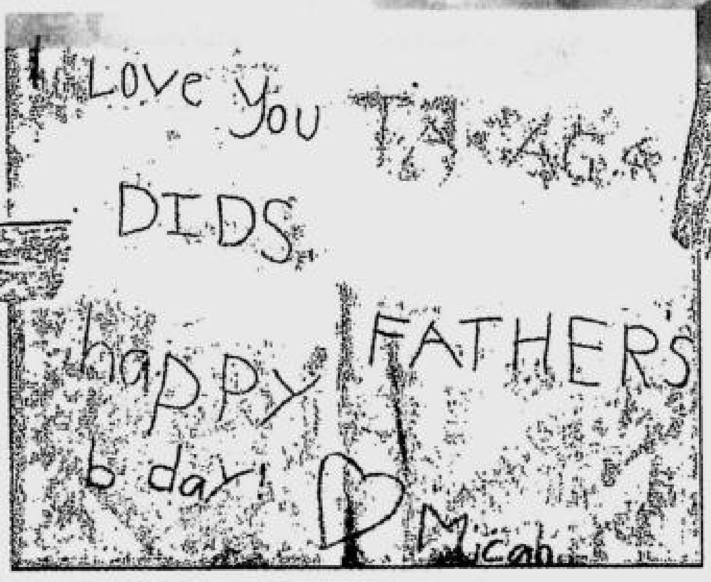
Love,
Megan and Nonee



I Love You TALAGA
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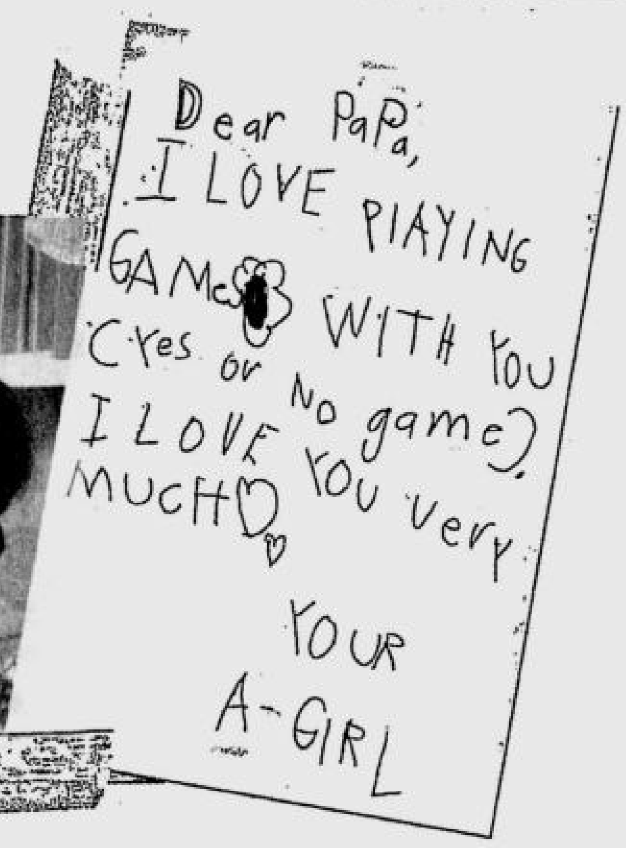
happy FATHERS
b-day!
Micah



Dear PaPa,
I LOVE PLAYING
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I LOVE YOU very
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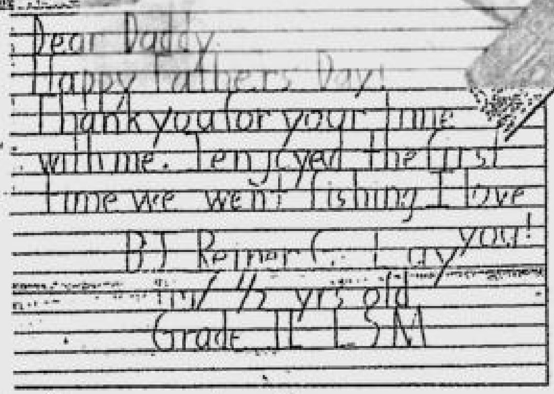
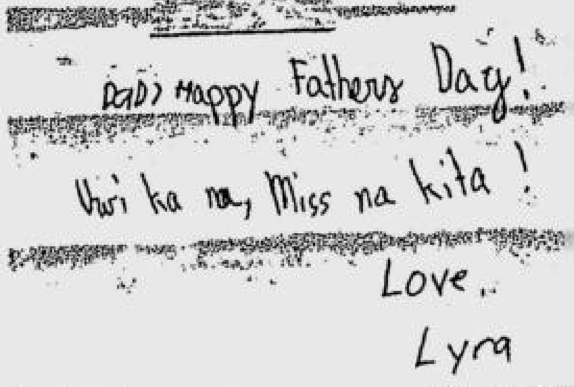
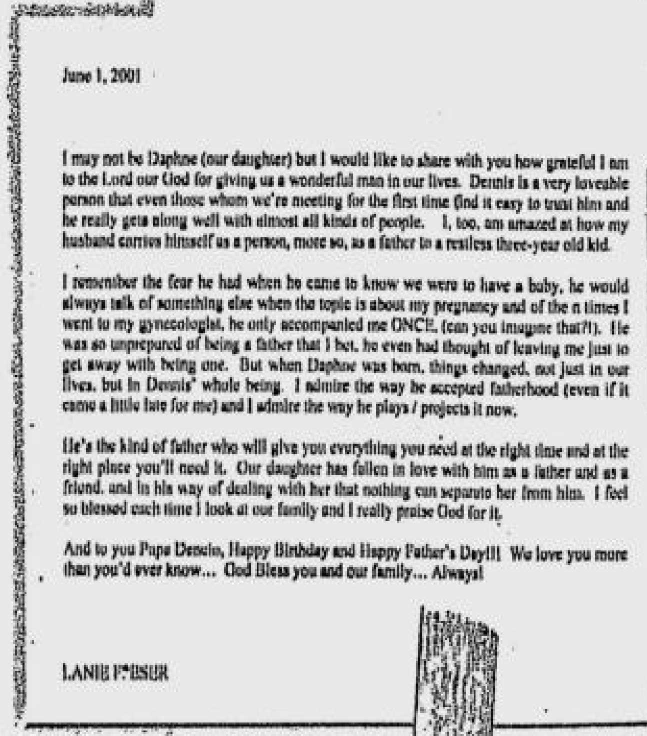
A-GIRL



Dear Daddy,
Happy Fathers Day!
Thank you for your time
with me. I enjoyed the first
time we went fishing I love
you!
B.J Reiner C. Lay
7½ yrs old
Grade II LSM



Dad! Happy Fathers Day!
Uwi ka na, Miss na kita!
Love,
Lyra



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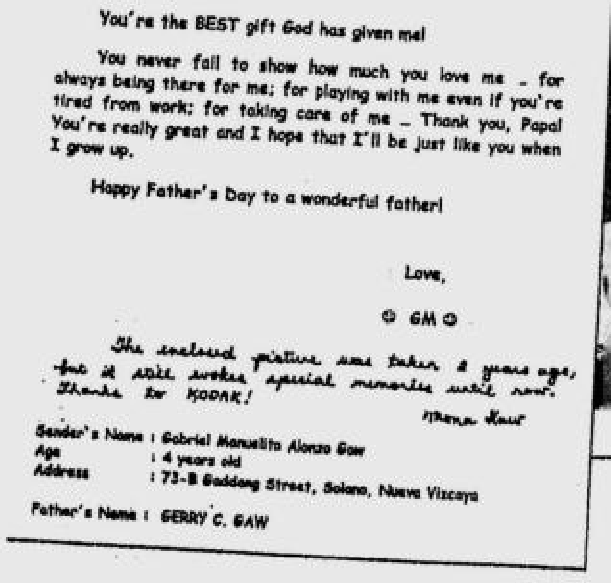
I may not be Daphne (our daughter) but I would like to share with you how grateful I am to the Lord our God for giving us a wonderful man in our lives. Dennis is a very loveable person that even those whom we're meeting for the first time find it easy to trust him and he really gets along well with almost all kinds of people. I, too, am amazed at how my husband carries himself as a person, more so, as a father to a restless three-year old kid.

I remember the fear he had when he came to know we were to have a baby, he would always talk of something else when the topic is about my pregnancy and of the n times I went to my gynecologist, he only accompanied me ONCE, (can you imagine that?!). He was so unprepared of being a father that I bet, he even had thought of leaving me just to get away with being one. But when Daphne was born, things changed, not just in our lives, but in Dennis' whole being. I admire the way he accepted fatherhood (even if it came a little late for me) and I admire the way he plays / projects it now.

He's the kind of father who will give you everything you need at the right time and at the right place you'll need it. Our daughter has fallen in love with him as a father and as a friend, and in his way of dealing with her that nothing can separate her from him. I feel so blessed each time I look at our family and I really praise God for it.

And to you Papa Dennis, Happy Birthday and Happy Father's Day!!! We love you more than you'd ever know... God Bless you and our family... Always!

LANIE FESUR



Dearest Papa,

You're the BEST gift God has given me!

You never fail to show how much you love me – for always being there for me; for playing with me even if you're tired from work; for taking care of me – Thank you, Papa! You're really great and I hope that I'll be just like you when I grow up.

Happy Father's Day to a wonderful father!

Love,

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The enclosed picture was taken 2 years ago, but it still evokes special memories until now. Thanks to KODAK!

Thena Gaw

Sender's Name : Gabriel Manuelito Alonzo Gaw
Age : 4 years old
Address : 73-B Gaddang Street, Solano, Nueva Vizcaya

Father's Name : GERRY C. GAW

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FATHER'S *Day*

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The greatest gifts don't come wrapped

WHO said Father's Day should be spent with plastics and greenbacks? Who said Papa's greatest happiness can be bought at the nearest mall?

If you're out there scouring for the perfect tie, or perhaps thinking about upgrading dad's barbeque this Father's Day, think again. Gifts that are truly priceless can't be bought.

So, where can true happiness this Father's Day be found? Just sit tight in front of a journal at the kitchen table and read the Father's Day top 5 gifts listed in the next page, courtesy of our guides from About.com. Think hard and write down your thoughts on how you would go about giving Dad the ultimate gifts. This

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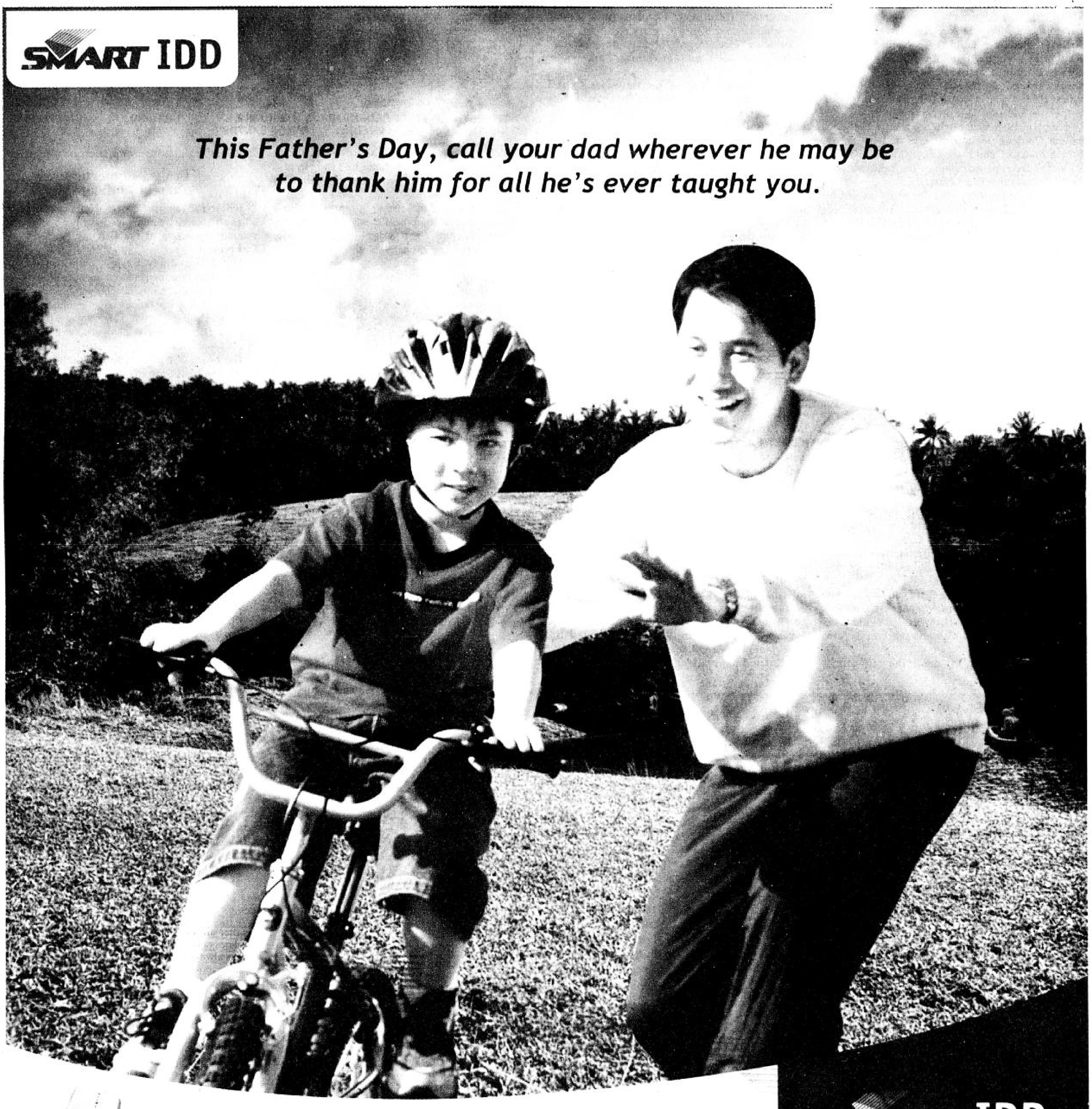
TIME together is the most precious gift



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GMA, SPEAKER BELMONTE HONOR FATHER'S DAY AWARDEES

Paying tribute to the 'other half' of parenthood

THE NATION will again witness the biggest and the pioneer Father's Day event highlighting the celebration since 1980.

The 21st Annual Gintong Ama Awards or the Alay Kay Itay 2001 will be a special tribute to the "other half" of parenthood on Sunday, June 17 at 3 p.m., at the Philamlife Theater, Manila.

The affair is given further significance because the event integrates the Gintong Ina Mother's Day Awards, the awarding of which was moved to June 17 due to the May 14 national election.

Now on its 21st year, the Gintong Ama Awards is sponsored by Dunkin' Donuts, Dizon Travel Corporation, Villa Cristina Resort, Mediapower, Emcor Promotions and Athena Nutritional in cooperation with the Golden Mother & Father Foundation (GMFF) and the National Mother's Day and Father's Day Council.

The project is spearheaded by civic leader Jonathan Navea together with Speaker Feliciano R. Belmonte and Vice President Teofisto Guingona Jr. as Father's Day honorary chairpersons. Sis. Vicky Dizon, Rev. Dr. Sonia Lim, Villa Granada De Guia, Lily Nicolas, Justice Regina O. Benitez, Director Willie Schneider, Sir Leopoldo Carlos and Primo Domingo (project director). Masters of ceremonies are Alex Flores and Cynthia Torres with Dina Bonnevie and Ian Vendivel.

Entertainers include Asia's Princess of Songs Emma Cordero, Jessa Zaragoza, Aldwin Ferrer, Edwin Mañalac, child songstress Marilene Perez, with the special participation of the Tamaraw Men In White and other guest entertainers.

This year's Gintong Ama awardees are led by Vice President Teofisto Guingona Jr., Executive Secretary Alberto Romulo, Tourism Secretary Richard Gordon, and Speaker Sonny Belmonte who are all this year's Ama ng Bayan recipients.

The Asian Father awardees are Dr. Tetsuo Kamekawa of Japan, Dr. James Dy of the Philippines and William Kho of Beijing, China. The Golden Heart for Exemplary Civic Achievements recipients are Eddie C. Gil, Leonardo C. dela Cruz, Rene R. Isidoro, Octovio E. Saulo, Dick C. Ong and Juanito Chio.

The E.T. Dizon Memorial Posthumous Award will be conferred to Hon. Jose C. Hernandez, Maximiano Ternate Dalupan, Mariano R. Rabago Jr., Agustin S. Sugatan Sr. and Mariano R. Rabago. The E.T. Dizon Memorial Award is named after the late travel specialist and ideal father Elpidio T. Dizon.

The Gintong Ama USA Awardees are Dr. Reynaldo C. Sulit and Licerio O. Reyno.

Haligi ng Tahanan Awardees, fathers of ten or more children are Dr. Rodolfo V. Azanza and Atty. Pedro M. Baquero.

Dangal ng Bayan awardees for public service are: Tourism Secretary Richard Gordon, Ismael "Mike" S. Aguirre, Atty. Jesus C. Pajarillo, Director Vicente S. Paragas, Vice Mayor Hernani Z. delos Santos Jr., Gerardo Florendo and DECS Secretary Raul S. Roco.

The awardees for law and judiciary sector are Ombudsman Aniano A. Desierto and Assistant Solicitor General Rodolfo G. Urbiztondo. While Atty. Eufrocino "Sonny" F. del Rosario receives the law and academe award.

The lone awardee for medicine and allied sciences of Gintong Ama is Dr. Arturo V. Estuita. For arts and culture/entertainment, they are Director Willie Schneider and Roberto L. del Rosario.

Awardees for business and industry led by Alfredo A. Macalaguim, Agustin G. Matib, Guillermo "Jimmy" O. Mercado, Arsenio M. de Guzman Jr. and Juan D. Dulalia Jr.

Palermo L. Soriano Sr. will take the banking and finance award of Gintong Ama.

The professional sector awardees are Federico T. Paragas, Edmundo S. Calangian, Alex L. Flores, Ruperto G. Gumnad, Wilfredo G. Mañalac, Guillermo P. Bañez, and Jose H. Fuentecilla.

Celebrity fathers are also honored

The celebrity father awardees are Gary Valenciano, Michael V. and Ogie Alcasid (entertainment).

Engr. Jean C. Valencia, Carl E. Balita and Jose Redentor E. Sampedro (professional); Ian P. Vendivel and Tolentino O. Opiniano (professional and socio-civic);

Director Terencio M. Mancenido and Rep. Mohammad O. Fajardo (government and public service).

Top professional and socio-civic leader Richard "Shining Star" D. Valdes receives the award for the said category while Prof. Federico A. Balanag, Alfonso R. Cortes and Michael G. Zablan will take the socio-civic and religious award.

Exemplary educators Prof. Horosi S. Aguiling and CO Agripino B. Ruzol will receive the Gintong Ama award for education.

Gintong Ina awards were publicly announced last Mother's Day, May 13. Gintong Ina awardees are led by Gintong Ina USA awardee Ciony Buban-Nazareno, Representative Josephine Dominguez and publisher Nena Mallari.

GMFF is pioneer and only official group promoting Father's Day

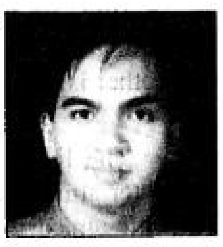
The Gintong Ama award is conferred on outstanding fathers at least 50 years old and achievers in their chosen fields and in rearing successful family, while the celebrity father award is conferred on father-achievers who are noted in their fields who may be below 50 years old.

The GMFF, together with the National Mother's Day & Father's Day celebrations, under the leadership of civic leader Jake Navea, successfully lobbied for the signing of Presidential Proclamation No. 266 by former Pres. Corazon C. Aquino declaring both celebrations as national events. The group also spearheads the Family and Parents Week every last week of September.

For details, contact the Gintong Ina/Ama Awards Secretariat at Unit 301, Reyes Bldg., 916 Aurora Blvd., Cubao, Quezon City with tel. nos. 912-2588; 437-7534; 421-1293; 912-1813; cell: (0919) 419-8940 and e-mail at medpower2001@yahoo.com and pager 125-1085626.

Historical background

Father's Day is actually more than a nine-decade old celebration, which originated from the United States. In the Philippines, Father's Day was unknown until a group headed by civic leader and journalist Jonathan Navea founded and popularized Father's Day in 1980.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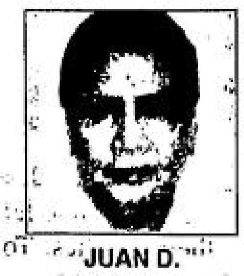
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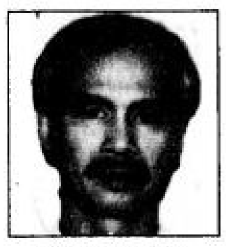
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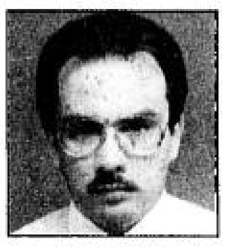
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The celebration was an offshoot of Mother's Day, which Navea earlier launched in response to a public clamor "to honor the other half of parenthood."

Alay Kay Itay is the country's biggest Father's Day social and entertainment event, which features the Annual Gintong Ama Awards and the Celebrity Father Awards. The event highlights Father's Day every third Sunday of June.

The affair also features popular entertainers and personalities making the event entertaining and commemorative. It usually ushers with a special Father's Day mass and Blessed Lorenzo Ruiz floral offering. An essay writing contest, father and child exhibit and other commemorative events are also being undertaken. Sponsoring organizations are the National Mother's Day and Father's Day Council and the Golden Mother & Father Foundation (GMFF).

This same group also earlier founded and popularized Mother's Day primarily launching "Alay Kay Inay" and Gintong Ina Awards every second Sunday of May as counterpart activities of Father's Day.

The persistent efforts of the group paid off when Navea was able to lobby the issuance of Presidential Proclamation No. 266 signed by former President Corazon Aquino declaring Mother's Day and Father's Day as official national events. The Gintong Ama (Outstanding Fathers of the Year) project has become the world's biggest tribute to fathers, which honors not only Filipino fathers, but also fathers worldwide through the Golden Father International Awards.

Mission, vision and beneficiaries

The noble project aims to promote the values of ideal parenthood and parental love worldwide through the various civic activities of the Golden Mother & Father Foundation (GMFF) and the Parents & Family Council.

The Gintong Ama Awardees themselves also serve as role models for other fathers, specially the young parents, to emulate.

GMFF also intends to promote the meaningful observance of Father's Day, Mother's Day and the Parent's Day celebration. Beneficiaries of sponsorship proceeds are: the renovation of a youth training and children's center in Marikina and the Home for the Aged and youth scholarship programs. Donations and sponsorships are purely voluntary.

Project supporters and key officers

Johnson & Johnson (Phils.), Hallmark Cards and other commercial companies have been among the veteran supporters of the Gintong Ama Father's Day project.

The defunct Daily Express published the first Father's Day newspaper supplement in 1980. Later, Philippine Star, Philippine Daily Inquirer, Manila Bulletin, Malaya and other leading publications have been publishing special supplements. A special Father's Day Gintong Ama yearbook is published by the foundation.

The board of trustees of the foundation is currently co-chaired by Sister Vickie C. Dizon and religious leader Rev. Dr. Sonia Lim of the World Prayer Congress, Primo S. Domingo is the project director, while Jonathan Navea retains the position of founding chair. Other board and committee officers include noted civic leaders Villa Granada de Guia of Women's Right Movement, Lily Nicholas of Consumers Union of the Philippines (CUP), Gov. and Mrs. Justo M. Ortiz and Emma Cordero of Lions Club International, Gen. Honesto Bumanglag of Ideal Community Foundation, Flor Marigza of Rotary Club, German Moreno of GMA-7 and other men and women of our society. Noted composer Bing Pimentel composed the Father's Day theme song "Itay."

Now an institution to behold

Since its inception in 1980 up to the present, the Golden Mother & Father Foundation has honored thousands of ideal fathers. The foundation was likewise successful in popularizing Mother's Day, Father's Day Grandparents Day and other family-related national events nationwide.

Past awardees of Gintong Ama Awards include former President Fidel V. Ramos, President Diosdado Macapagal and Speaker Sonny Belmonte for public service; the late GMA-7 executive VP Antonio Barreiro for professional sector; Robert Arevalo for arts; Manila Bulletin editor Ben Rodriguez for media and other father-achievers; celebrity fathers include Senator Tito Sotto, Gary Valenciano, Martin Nievera, Senator Sonny Jaworski and other popular and noted fathers in entertainment, public service, sports, education, media and various fields.

Now on its 21st year, the Gintong Ina/Ama Group has become a prestigious institution and acknowledged as the country's only official and pioneer prime mover of Mother's Day and Father's Day awards and celebration since 1980. The group also spearheads the Family & Parents Week and the Grandparents Day every September.

Brioni: Works of art for discriminating Dads

BRIONI, known as the premiere menswear brand in the world today, is continuing its tradition of providing exclusive and stylish collections in celebration of Father's Day with quality meant for our discerning fathers.

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For made-to-measure suits, tailors take a client's measurements and these are sent to Italy together with their choice of fabric from a swatch presented them as well as other details (buttons and others). Depending on the availability of the fabric, the construction phase takes anywhere between two and three months. Minor alterations are always competitively addressed at the boutique.

Customers may choose from an exclusive selection of silk bow ties and neckties (plain and textured), cummerbunds, dress shirts, socks, sport shirts, a selection of leather accessories and pens, suit, tux and sports jackets in lightweight fabrics, and a line of golf pants that cut magnificent figures on the green.

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Sushi, sashimi and the works for daddy

NOW it's Dad's turn. Today, The Sulo Hotel enjoins the nation in celebrating Father's day, as it prepares a special treat Dad has always wanted—togetherness, in a sumptuous Japanese way.

The Café Paraiso and Lobby Lounge at the ground floor lobby will once again be filled with family love family members indulge in their favorite Japanese specialties at the lunch buffet spread.

It's definitely goin' Japanese on Father's Day, and the lunch buffet is available from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Piano entertainment will fill the air with affection.

What's more, all dads will bring home gift packs from San Miguel, car displays from Bankee Trading, shirts from Felgen Enterprises, and a complimentary portrait shot by Sonny Camarillo.

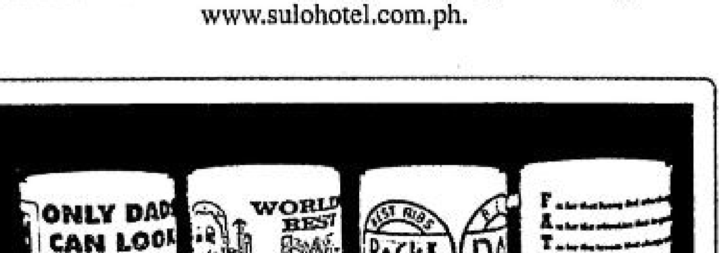
All these and more for only P400++.

Moments like these are rare for loving fathers who spend more time at work to provide for everything. This time, let's reward Father with everything he deserves.

For inquiries and reservations, call 924-5051 to 71 or visit The Sulo Hotel located at Matalino Road, Diliman, Quezon City, or visit www.sulohotel.com.ph.

DAD TOPS THE DAY AT RACKS

From June 15-30, for a minimum food purchase of P500, all dads get a mug for free. Just choose from four colors and designs. Offer is good at all Racks' 17 outlets in Metro Manila and Davao City.



The greatest gifts . . .

(From page I1)

Father's Day, give dad ideas and commitments for a fulfilling life.

Gift #1: time with the kids

One of the hardest challenges for any Dad is to spend "quantity time" with his kids. With full-time work, travel, and endless chores, dads barely have any time left over to spend with their families. To create more family time for Dad, simplify your life to its bare essentials and prioritize like crazy. For instance: Plan less play dates, weekend birthday parties, and after school activities. Buy less stuff less often. Plan local, simple, fun: beach, parks, scooters, bikes, swimming, and outdoor concerts.

Eat more meals together: especially Friday evening when you end the week together and plan the weekend fun.

Time together as a family is the Holy Grail—fight for it and don't let anything get in the way. Remember, you only need a blanket, an umbrella, and time.

Gift #2: solid family

There's nothing like being a Dad when your family is well balanced and humming. As mentioned above, time together can certainly go a long way toward creating a solid family, but there are a few more concepts to consider and continually improve.

- Communications between all family members: consider running family meetings.
- Family rules: boundaries and discipline bring respect and security.
- Family goals: where we want to go and how we're getting there.

Building a family is one of the most creative challenges you'll ever encounter. It takes thinking, shaping, and ambition on a daily level. Taking an assertive role in developing your family along with Dad is a long-term gift of the best kind.

Gift #3: family fitness

What more can a Dad ask for than a healthy and fit family? If you're fit for adventure there's another world of fun waiting for you beyond the couch. Use the family meetings to plan family adventures like:

Mountain climbing at some of the nearby mountains around the city; taking a daddy-and-me swim class in the gym; making sure everyone in the house is participating in an activity they enjoy, and improving the family diet gradually.

Being fit takes more than a pair of sneakers and the will to get out and play, it takes setting a lifestyle with the priorities for all family members to make exercise part of their day.

Gift #4: laughing matter

We're just too serious as a society. With work, school, chores, shopping, and all the other million things on Dad's plate, he sometimes forgets to just relax and smile. Let's try and make Dad laugh more this year. Here are some simple foolproof ideas:

- Funny Friday: get a funny joke book and take turns reading out loud at dinner every Friday.
- Turn off the TV and buy a few board games like Pictionary. Playing together is a guarantee for a laugh.
- The lighter side: start adapting a lighter attitude, it's contagious.

It's amazing what a change of attitude can do for the well-being of the household. Instead of making lists, start making fun. Dad would love it.

Gift #5: time off

As much fun as it is to be immersed in the family, having time to pursue his own interests is essential to keeping Dad fresh. Here are some ways you can encourage Dad to take the time he needs:

- Sign him up for a course, hobby or sport.
- Encourage him to organize an outing with the guys–guilt free.
- Circle the local movies, or lectures, you think he might be interested in and paste on the dashboard.

It all comes down to time. Time is the most precious gift you can give anyone. And making sure Dad has some time for himself, as well as with his family is by far the most precious and important gift you can give—one that you just can't find at the malls.

Celebrate the day at Festival Supermall

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Spotlight . . .

(From page I4)

The neglected (and neglectful) father, according to behavioral scientists, is one of the root causes for many of our social ills—juvenile delinquency, drug abuse and rebellion against marriage and the family, to name a few.

Writing for a Reader's Digest paperback, Lester Velie says while the father is killing himself to succeed, authority devolves to the mother. "It is she who must civilize the little savages; it is she who insists that they go to bed on time and get up in time to catch the school bus, pick up their things, help set the table, live in relative peace," he says.

"The authority-relinquishing father does more than deprive his children of the strong hand needed in their upbringing. His preoccupation elsewhere may be interpreted as indifference by his children, and so stir up the bitterness that leads to alienation and rebellion," Velie adds.

Children, says another psychologist, are not naïve in resenting a system that makes their father vice president of a bank but takes away his joy in the tree that he himself planted a decade ago.

Here are some practical suggestions for "invisible" fathers who find it difficult to find time for themselves and their families.

View your family as a relevant aspect of real life. If your wife talks about her work in the office or at home, or if your child relates an anecdote that has stirred him, recognize that their affairs have as much importance as (or perhaps even more important than) your own activities.

Allot "discretionary time" and set a deadline for each task. Think of time as your working capital. Peter Drucker, a well-known management consultant and author of "The Effective Executive," says that those who really get things done don't start with their work—they start with their time. Learn to budget the hours and minutes of the day so that you can have time left over for your own personal use.

Know what not to do. Learn the art of refusing someone else's request for your time and energy. A family expert says that two of the reasons we say yes are: we are afraid someone else will have a lesser opinion of us; and a request for our help indulges our ego by giving us a feeling of power. (This article, however, has nothing against helping people. It merely points out that we say yes even when we know we can put our time to better use.) Don't give answers such as "Let me think about it" or "I don't know" which only raise false hopes. You don't have to feel guilty about it and you don't always have to explain every time you politely turn down a neighbor's request, for instance.

Spend quality time with your family. Invite your wife and kids over to your place of work. A marriage counselor suggests taking them for periodic lunches. Treat them to a nearby cafeteria or kid-friendly fast food outlet. This will also give you the much-needed break in between appointments and meetings.

Learn to combat fatigue. Take a nap after lunch or before dinner. Some fitness experts say it is equivalent to the three hours of sleep just before waking in the morning. Also, a daily ten-minute rest with your feet raised at hip level refreshes you. The energy you save may be spent in the evening helping out your kids with their homework.

Don't try to do everything yourself. Delegate challenging tasks to subordinates and then make the necessary decisions.

Forget about your bulging attaché case for a while. Ask yourself if the midnight oil you are burning is taking its toll on you. Reflect on where your family comes in your list of priorities. Are you pretending that the sacrifices you are making are really for them?

Rid yourself of negative emotions. Worrying is one of them—and it eats up time that could have been spent for productive pursuits. Mark Twain once said "I have known a great many troubles, but most of them never happened." A priest columnist perceives it as a "mild form of atheism."

When you feel you begin to worry about something, ask yourself. "What's the worst thing that could come from this?" The worrying stops when you begin to look for possible answers. Replace this negative thought with meaningful family goals and get absorbed. You'll find that you won't have time for worrying—only time, energy and abilities you never thought you had. And at the end of the day (or when all else fails), say this short prayer: "Lord, there's never enough time for everything. Help me to do a little less a little better."

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‘Restore’ the father

BY LILIA BORLONGAN-ALVAREZ

FOR QUITE a number of reasons, the father has become a forgotten figure in civilized society. Over the years, family experts, psychologists and sociologists have churned out volumes of research studies and write-ups paying tribute to mothers and virtually ignoring the father.

Take a look at these fathers who have become the “invisible” members of their families.

The commuter father. Rey, a young government lawyer, wakes up at 5 a.m. each day to make it to his office in Makati which is about 26 kms from his home in San Pedro, Laguna. He spends more than four hours on the road patiently bearing with traffic jams which he has come to accept as daily nightmares. Twice over the last five years when typhoons and floods would put the whole metropolis at a standstill, he had to walk from Edsa to Bicutan to get a bus ride home. But the worst was when he had to spend six hours on a bus on his way to work and another six hours on his way back (those were the years when the Skyway was still under construction)—it was like taking two trips to Baguio every day, only they were trips to anger and frustration.

A father’s influence, says Henry Biller, an American psychologist, begins before the baby is born—by keeping the mother in a good frame of mind

He is required to attend corporate meetings and hearings beyond office hours and returns home way past his kids’ bedtime. Weekends are spent rubbing elbows and comparing notes with members of a lawyers’ association of which he is executive secretary. The only fathering he has done is look at his kids fast asleep in their rooms with unfulfilled longing.

The do-gooder father. Elmer, 50, and a senior managing partner in a top health care company, has been around long enough to be acknowledged as his neighborhood’s good citizen. He is an active member of the pastoral council in his parish. He heads the PTA board in the school where his four children are enrolled. He is the chief organizer in every social and fund-raising event in his village. Come election time, he spends days convincing and recruiting everybody to become poll watchers. When the much bruited about second millennium became most everyone’s source of anticipation and anxiety, he would invite every Tom, Dick and Harry to view the fireworks from the village tennis court and “celebrate” what was to be just another ordinary day.

The irony of it is that he doesn’t really have good PR skills—he simply is a willing victim of corporate exploitation because his efforts are “good for his company’s image.” And the sad part is that Elmer is involved in everybody’s affairs except those of his own children.

The OCW father. The case of Sonny, an electrical engineer who has worked in Saudi Arabia for 18 years now, is certainly not isolated. Like thousands of Filipino overseas contract workers who slave under the yoke of an alien and indifferent culture, he has created a grass widow out of his wife but has been able to send his three kids (aged 17, 15 and 11) to “exclusive schools” (whatever this term means) and to build for them a nice, big house in a quiet subdivision. He says he regrets having missed many of his kids’ birthdays and graduations. But he has to put up with it. Reason: he is allowed to come home only every two years.

The moonlighting father. Eddie, a section editor of a leading broadsheet, works during the day as a PR and editorial consultant of various private and government firms. In between his tight schedules, he puts up special PR projects to augment his other incomes. He is a statistic among thousands of other fathers holding down two or three jobs at a time to help their working wives pay the bills. His evenings are spent in karaoke bars unwillingly treating his clients on whom he has invested much of his time building a journalistic career. His three teenage children? He says “that has always been my wife’s job.”

A father’s influence

Having to earn a living and provide for a family certainly puts a lot of mental and physical stress on the father, even in this age when dual family incomes have become a norm. Many fathers contend that if they are to survive financially, it is necessary to pursue with more zeal the pace of their living. And how many times have we heard fathers say “I have no time for my family”? An eminent politician once lamented that his career had practically ruined his marriage. He says he’s got money, prestige and power but he’s a flop as a husband and father.

But a father’s importance to the family cannot be underestimated. His influence, says Henry Biller, an American psychologist, begins before the baby is born—by keeping the mother in a good frame of mind.

He says the father is probably more important than the mother to the healthy sexual development of both boys and girls. “The father tends to differentiate considerably more than the mother between his sons and daughters and to reward his children’s sex-appropriate behavior more than she does. Thus the father-deprived child is more likely to have problems in his relations with the opposite sex—stemming from a lack of a secure sex-role orientation,” Biller explains. Studies of family backgrounds of both male and female homosexuals, he says, reveal a very high incidence of father deprivation.

Values in life

The family is primarily tasked to make the child socialize, teaching him the necessary values in life. But when one or both parents are frequently away from home, adolescents are likely to turn to each other for their values. In a study conducted by Cornell University researchers among middle-class boys, these children are “more likely to be pessimistic about the future, to rate lower in responsibility and leadership, and to engage in anti-social behavior.”

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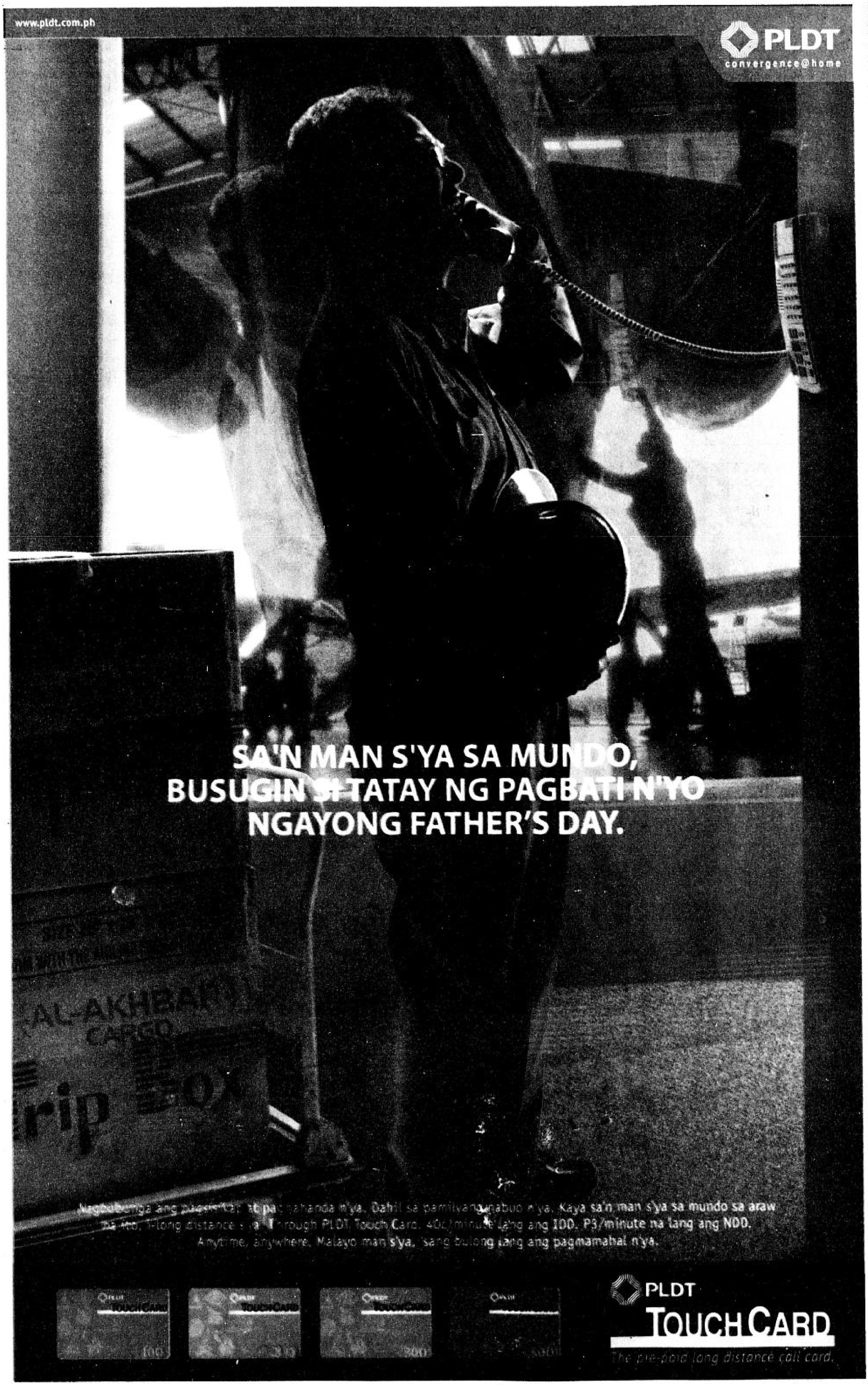
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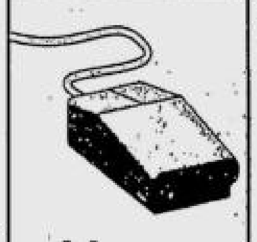

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Qualifications:

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- ✓ Customer-oriented and a strong team player.
- ✓ Familiar with sales cycle.

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The Product Marketing Manager will be responsible for the sales performance of the assigned product group. He/She will work closely with the principal/vendors to achieve product targets through forecasting product demand and supply, product costing as well as effective pricing strategy. Other responsibilities include inventory management, product marketing and product training.

Qualifications:

- ✓ Degree in Marketing or IT related field with at least 2 years working experience in IT sales-related industry or a product marketing function.
- ✓ Good product management and inventory skills
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3. Product Specialist

The Product Specialist will be responsible for product trainings and demonstrations of his/her assigned product. He/she will work closely with the Product Marketing Manager in order to penetrate the marketin with his/her assigned product.

Qualifications:

- ✓ Degree in Marketing or IT related field with at least 2 years working experience in IT sales-related industry or a product marketing function.
- ✓ Must possess good interpersonal, oral and written skills
- ✓ Good presentation skills
- ✓ Customer-oriented and a strong team player

If you are the person we are looking for, please write-in or e-mail with a detailed resumé, stating qualifications, experience, current and expected salaries together with a non-returnable photograph to:

**The HR Manager
Connect Solutions, Inc.
Suite 2503 25/F West Tower
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- Preferably a registered civil engineer
- With at least 5 years experience in vertical construction (Actual Field Work)
- With good communication skills and can write correspondences/transmittals
- Can interpret contracts, plans and specifications

PROJECT ENGINEER

- Preferably a registered civil engineer
- With at least 3 years experience in vertical construction (Actual Field Work)
- Can manage, supervise and handle projects
- Can interpret contracts, plans and specifications
- Can prepare estimates and can do structural drafting.

Interested applicants must bring bio-data with 2x2 colored picture and NBI clearance. Apply personally at **Rm. 215 Aguirre Building, 2211 Commonwealth Avenue, Quezon City.** Look for Violy for an appointment at Tel. Nos. 931-6987 or 931-6781

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A leading manufacturing company is in need of the following personnel:

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Please apply in person. Bring your resumé and attach a 2" x 2" self-photograph to:

HR DEPARTMENT
#126 Rizal Avenue Extension
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Caloocan City

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A Multinational Company is in need of:

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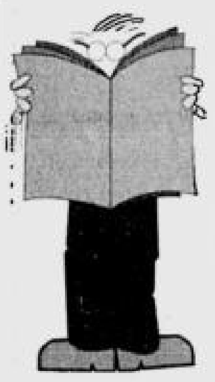

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We seek a highly motivated individual with the capability to manage multimillion dollar projects.

• ENGINEERING MANAGER

Code: EngMgr

- ➢ licensed engineer
- ➢ 15 years of experience, at least 7 years of which is detailed engineering design
- ➢ excellent technical knowledge and capability
- ➢ business development, presentation and interpersonal skills
- ➢ must have an established network of contacts in different industries and be capable of managing staff and clients
- ➢ proactive and results-oriented individual who values and understands quality service/product
- ➢ highly analytical
- ➢ has good planning skills
- ➢ previous overseas experience or employment with an international firm is a plus.

Mail application letter, comprehensive resumé, employment or training certificates, academic transcript not later than 26 June 2001 to the address below.

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Personnel Manager
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8th Floor JAKA 6780
Ayala Avenue, Makati City
Email Address: mpi@maunsellphils.com

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• SENIOR STRUCTURAL ENGINEERS

Code: ENG1

- ➢ minimum 12-15 years experience in the structural design of buildings, underground structures and cut and cover tunnels

• STRUCTURAL ENGINEERS

Code: ENG2

- ➢ minimum 5 years experience in the structural design of buildings and civil structures.

• CAD OPERATORS

Code: CAD

- ➢ minimum 5 years experience in AutoCAD drafting.
- ➢ structural detailing experience

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Ayala Avenue, Makati City
Email Address: mpi@maunsellphils.com

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MERCHANDISING DIVISION MANAGER for HOME (Code: R-MDM)

- ➢ At least 28 years old
- ➢ Graduate of a 4-year business-related course, preferably an MBA degree holder
- ➢ With at least (2) two-year work experience in the retail business in a managerial capacity
- ➢ Must have excellent oral and written communication skills
- ➢ Must be analytical, results-oriented, artistic, creative and with good fashion sense
- ➢ Must possess a pleasing and dynamic personality
- ➢ Must be computer literate

DESIGNER for Children's (Code: R-D)
DESIGNER for Home (Code: R-D)

- ➢ At least 25 years old
- ➢ Graduate of Industrial/Interior Design or any fashion-related course
- ➢ Must have at least (2) two years work experience in the same capacity
- ➢ Must possess a pleasing and dynamic personality
- ➢ Must be computer literate

MERCHANDISE PLANNING & CONTROL SPECIALIST (Code: R-MPCS)

- ➢ Between 24 to 30 years old
- ➢ Graduate of Accounting, Business Management or Information Technology
- ➢ Preferably with (2) two years of experience particularly in the area of retail/merchandise planning
- ➢ Must be proficient in both oral and written communication
- ➢ Must possess a pleasing and dynamic personality
- ➢ Must be computer literate

ASSISTANT WAREHOUSE MANAGER (Code: R-AWM)

- ➢ Between 30 to 45 years old
- ➢ Graduate of a (4) four-year college course
- ➢ At least (2) two years work experience in warehouse operations in a managerial capacity
- ➢ Must possess a pleasing and dynamic personality, impeccable integrity and good moral character
- ➢ Must be computer literate

BOUTIQUE MANAGERS (Code: R-BM)

- ➢ Between 24 to 35 years old
- ➢ Graduate of a (4) four-year degree course
- ➢ Preferably with work experience in store operations
- ➢ Must be proficient in both oral and written communication and customer-oriented
- ➢ Must be willing to work on weekends and holidays
- ➢ Must possess a pleasing and dynamic personality
- ➢ Must be computer literate

Please send your application with contact numbers indicated, transcript of records and a recent 2x2 photo through mail to:

Personnel Department
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4th Floor, Midland Buendia Building
#403 Sen. Gil J. Puyat Avenue, Makati City

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- A University graduate of Marketing or Business related courses
- Male/Female preferably between 30-40 years old
- Must have a five (5) years solid experience and a proven track record from a reputable Multi-Level Direct Selling Industry
- With strong leadership, business and result driven individual

TRAINOR

- A University graduate of Behavioral Science/Management or related courses
- Male/Female preferably between 30-35 years old with strong interpersonal skills and excellent verbal communications skills
- At least 5 years relevant work experience, 3 years of which must be in a supervisory capacity
- Must have background experience from a Multi-Level Direct - Selling Industry
- Able to formulate/design and conduct training courses and programs for would be trainors
- Well-versed in the whole training cycle from conducting of needs assessment, formulation of training modules, implementation of training programs/evaluation

HRD OFFICER

- Male or Female, between 30-35 years old
- Graduate of Psychology or Behavioral Science course
- Highly organized with strong interpersonal/communication skills and result oriented
- At least 2 to 3 years work background experience in recruitment, benefits administration, and familiar with SSS, BIR, HDMF and Labor Laws
- Computer literate

DESKTOP ARTIST

- Fine Arts or Advertising graduate
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- Knowledgeable in the process of conceptualization, pre & post Production of the following:
  - Newsletters
  - Catalogs/Brochures
  - Packaging Concept & Design

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BRANCH MANAGERS

- ☑ Graduates of BSHRM or related courses;
- ☑ Minimum 5 years working experience; 3 years in supervisory level.

MANAGEMENT TRAINEES

- ☑ Male/Female, at least 23 years old;
- ☑ Preferably graduates of BSHRM, BSBA, BSC or related courses;
- ☑ Computer literate (Excel, Powerpoint, Word).

DINING SUPERVISORS

- ☑ Male/Female, at least 25 years old;
- ☑ Preferably graduates of BSHRM, BSBA, BSC or other related courses;
- ☑ Minimum 2 years working experience as Dining Supervisor or Captain Waiter.

KITCHEN SUPERVISORS

- ☑ Male/Female, at least 25 years old;
- ☑ Preferably graduates of BS Food and Nutrition, HRM or other related courses;
- ☑ Have at least 2 years working experience; 1 year as Asst. Kitchen Supervisor;
- ☑ Have knowledge in menu planning, food costing and inventory management.

BANQUET AND SALES COORDINATORS

- ☑ Male/Female, 19 to 26 years old;
- ☑ College graduates, preferably of BSHRM, Tourism, PR, BSBA, Mass Communication;
- ☑ Must have a pleasant personality and above-average English communication skills.

BOOKKEEPERS

- ☑ College graduates with 12 units in Accounting;
- ☑ Have experience in restaurant setting.

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Max's Training Center
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A prestigious Government Financial Institution is in need of the following:

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- At least 1 year audit related work experience
- Knowledge in programming
- CS Professional eligibility
- Not more than 30 years old

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- Bachelor's Degree with training in RPG & PC programming languages
- CS Professional eligibility
- 1-2 years experience in computer programming or related work
- Not more than 40 years old

SECURITY GUARD

- Completion of 2 years in college (with 4 ROTC/CMT subjects)
- At least 1 year relevant experience
- Security Guard license
- Of good moral character
- At least 165 cms. (5'5") in height and minimum weight of 56.80 kilos (125 lbs.)
- 25-30 years old

CPA/AUDITOR

- With at least 77% Board rating
- 1-2 years experience in audit incl. computer applications
- Not more than 30 years old

CIVIL ENGINEER

- Licensed Civil Engineer
- At least 5 years experience in construction mgt., structural design & cost estimates (3 years supervisory)
- Knowledgeable in AutoCAD, MS Word, Excel, STADD or Microfeap
- Experience or license in sanitary engineering is an advantage
- Not more than 40 years old

ELECTRICAL ENGINEER

- Licensed Electrical Engineer (PEE)
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- Not more than 40 years old

Competitive compensation package awaits the right candidates.
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1. Account Managers

Job description:

- Attainment of sales targets
- Account and market segment development
- Account management
- Company and services promotions

Qualifications:

- Degree in business/IT or related discipline
- Excellent communications and presentations skills
- High Aptitude on Information Technology
- Previous sales experience gained from an ISP, ASP or Telco is an advantage

2. Marketing Assistant

Job description:

The chosen candidate will provide support to the sales and marketing team in the areas of:

- Marketing services
- Customer support
- Sales administration

Qualification:

- Degree in any business course
- Excellent oral and written communications skills
- Willingness to work in a multi-task environment
- MS Office and other PC-based business applications a must
- Previous related experience is an advantage

3. Receptionist/ Office Assistant

Job description:

- Secretarial and Admin services

Qualification

- Excellent computer and typing skills
- Good telephone conversation skills
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internet infrastructure phils., inc.
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Salcedo Village, Makati
Please look for: Ms. Lynda Valdez
Or e-mail to: **info@modEIDC.net**

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- Good written and oral communication skills required
- Regular contact with Business Users and Senior Management from different divisions
- Work unsupervised, People (Skills, Staff Supervision, Management)
- Time management, SDLC cycle experience
- Team player, ability to work with external parties. PMW
- Project experience essential

ANALYST PROGRAMMER

Technical Skills

- COBOL, TAL, TACL, PATHWAY, BASE24, PATHWAY
- EFT/POS and ATM system and business/banking knowledge
- Good quality programming ability

Other Skills

- Communication skills
- Good written and oral communication skills required
- Regular contact with Business Users and technical staff in a team environment
- Work unsupervised, people (skills, supervision, management)
- Time management, SDLC cycle experience
- Team player, ability to work with external parties
- Work under limited supervision, team player, excellent programming skills, SDLC, able to interact with external parties
- Documentation ability

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- ✈ Graduate of any business related course
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- ✈ Extensive background in dealing with foreign clients an advantage
- ✈ Fluency in spoken / written English a must
- ✈ Computer Literate

JAPANESE CHEF

- ✈ Male or female ; of any age and nationality
- ✈ Must have at least four (04) years experience in a busy, productive Japanese kitchen, 2 years of which are in a supervisory position.
- ✈ Must display expertise in hot and cold Japanese food preparation, menu and recipe
- ✈ Knowledge of HACCP preferred, but not necessary
- ✈ Previous experience in airline catering preferred, but not necessary , previous work experience in Japan is preferred

REFRIGERATION TECHNICIAN

- ✈ Male , between 28-35 years old
- ✈ Graduate of at least a 2-year vocational course on refrigeration and a/c trade or with 5-years equivalent hands-on experience
- ✈ Highly knowledgeable in maintenance, repairs and trouble shooting of refrigerated van and auto/truck air conditioning system
- ✈ Must also be familiar with packaged-type and centralized airconditioning system, cold storages, freezers and chillers

IT CONSULTANT

- ✈ Male or Female, between 28-35 years old
- ✈ A graduate of a 4 year course preferably in Computer Science, Commerce or Business Administration
- ✈ Highly knowledgeable in SQL, MS Exchange Server, & LAN administration under Windows NT environment
- ✈ Project implementation exposure an advantage

JAPANESE COOK

- ✈ Must have at least three (03) years experience in a busy, productive Japanese kitchen
- ✈ Must display expertise in hot and cold Japanese food preparation
- ✈ Knowledge of HACCP preferred, but not necessary
- ✈ Previous experience in airline catering preferred, but not necessary
- ✈ Previous work experience in Japan is preferred

HOUSEKEEPING FOREMAN

- ✈ Male ; between 28- 35 years old
- ✈ Must have extensive hands-on experience in a Hotel or any food processing or manufacturing environment
- ✈ Computer literacy an advantage
- ✈ Housekeeping and relevant professional training an advantage
- ✈ Previous experience in airline catering or hotel industry preferred, but not necessary
- ✈ Must have references from previous employers

MECHANIC

- ✈ Male, between 28-35 years old
- ✈ Graduate of at least a 2-year vocational course on mechanical trade or 5-years equivalent hands-on experience
- ✈ Highly knowledgeable in maintenance, repairs and trouble shooting of heavy equipment, hydraulic, gas/diesel forklifts, trucks / highloaders and vehicles and generators
- ✈ Knowledge in auto electrical repair an advantage

If you are interested and feel that you are qualified for this position, please send not later than 22 June 2001, your comprehensive resume, with 2 x 2 picture to:

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- Four-Year Degree in Business Administration, Banking or Marketing
- 1-2 years of experience in sales, preferably, IT Solution Sales
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- Excellent verbal, written communication and presentation skills
- Possesses strong leadership qualities.

SR. SOFTWARE MANAGER

- Four-Year Degree in Business Administration, or Computer Science
- Extensive experience in Project Management
- Working knowledge of programming languages in various platforms (e.g., PERL, Visual Basic, XML, Java, CORBA, UNIX, AIX, SOLARIS, C/C++ languages on Linux and NT environment) and of SQL database; WEB-based environment experience is an advantage
- Excellent verbal, written communication and presentation skills; detailed in project flow documentation; and able to communicate layman's needs into technical terms and flows
- Possesses strong leadership qualities.

MAINFRAME PROGRAMMER

- Four-Year Degree in Computer Science
- Working knowledge of client/server and mainframe computing (e.g., COBOL, Java, C/C++, JCL, CICS, VSAM DB2, Adabas Natural, IMS) and of SQL database
- Extensive knowledge on mainframe/VMS systems programming (e.g., system software installation and configuration) and technical support on mainframe/VMS environment
- Extensive experience in Project Management.

WIRELESS APPLICATION PROGRAMMERS

- Four-Year Degree in Computer Science
- Working knowledge of programming languages in various platforms (e.g., PERL, Visual Basic v.6, WML, XML, Java, C/C++ languages on Linux and NT environment) and knowledge of SQL database; WEB-based environment is an advantage.

SR. PROGRAMMERS

- Four-Year Degree in Computer Science
- Male/Female, 30 years old and below
- 2-3 Years Work Experience in Application Development on UNIX and NT environment
- Working knowledge of programming languages in various platforms (e.g., PERL, Visual Basic, XML, Java, CORBA, UNIX, AIX, SOLARIS, C/C++ languages on Linux and NT environment) and of SQL database; WEB-based environment experience is an advantage
- Experience in Inter-Process communication and Real-time applications
- Experience in Banking and Financial Application Software Development, an advantage
- Willing to work start immediately and work abroad.

PROGRAMMERS

- Four-Year Degree in Computer Science or related course, New graduates welcome
- Working knowledge of programming languages in various platforms (e.g., PERL, Visual Basic, XML, Java, C/C++ languages on Linux and NT environment) and knowledge of SQL database; WEB-based environment is an advantage.

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Principal Tasks

- Screen projects in the pipeline to ensure that safeguard issues and other social development inputs are integrated at an early stage in the investment design.
- Assist the task team in reviewing resettlement plans, land acquisition procedures, and indigenous people's plans for compliance with safeguard policies.
- Prepare and/or review terms of reference for social impact assessments and mitigation plans.
- Participate in project teams during investment design and supervision. The specialist may also participate in the preparation of the implementation completion reports.
- Undertake social audits of investment programs.
- Undertake thematic supervision and/or desk review of the portfolio to assess risks associated to non-compliance with Bank policies.
- Provide analytical support to teams working on the harmonization of laws or upgrading national legislation on compensation and resettlement policies.
- Provide support on tasks related to social analysis, economics and sector work, and other non-lending services.

Technical Selection Criteria

- Advanced degree in anthropology, sociology, development economics or other relevant social science.
- Minimum of 7 years professional experience in applied resettlement, land acquisition or indigenous poeple's.
- Strong analytical skills in social development issues.
- Experience in the interpretation and application of World Bank safeguard policies.
- Strong country knowledge; experience in other East Asian countries desirable.
- Excellent communication skills and full competence with professional office software and communications technology.
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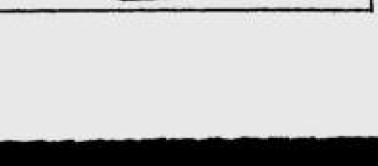

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LAYA'S RECORD

Gino Dormiendo's description of Jaime Laya as having "put his financial savvy to good use when he was appointed Minister of Budget in the Marcos Cabinet" (**SIM**, 20 May 2001) is patently wrong. A quick glance at the 1984-85 issues of the defunct Business Day, especially the reports of now-presidential spokesman Bobi Tiglao, will show that Laya was part of a massive scam concocted by the Marcos dictatorship to hide from the IMF-World Bank the fact that our foreign reserves were near zero. Laya may be praised for his contributions to promoting Filipino culture; he should also be appropriately censured for what he did under his boss and patron Marcos.

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MARY OR LILY?

The story (**SIM**, 20 May 2001) was interesting but difficult to read; maybe it was the way it was written. Maybe the subject of the article was also difficult to understand. After reading the article, I asked myself: Is this true? Does Mary Ong really exist? I think I would rather believe Lily Cheung talking. Next time please interview Lily Cheung for me. I think she's more credible. And some of your stories were not proofread. Anyway, I still enjoyed reading your magazine, the printed version or the net edition.

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MARY'S CLASSMATES

I was deeply amazed by the article on Mary Ong (**SIM**, 20 May 2001), having found some common ground – we studied in the same high school and had similar family orientations. I would really be interested to know more about Mary. What happened to the Catholic education imparted by ICA? What transpired after high school that shaped her life? Did her immediate family have a say in what she was getting into? What prompted her to continue what she was doing? Did she have a chance to choose a peaceful life over what she had? I know this question is personal, but what was the reason her marriage didn't work out? I would really love to know. This is the first time I have been this interested in a magazine article. Her story is something close to the heart of an ICAn.

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STRAIGHT-TALKING JOSE

First great article in a long while (**SIM**, 27 May 2001). Well-balanced and doesn't try to gloss over the controversial aspects of F. Sionil Jose's life. Is he anti-Chinese and anti-gay? Probably, but not more than most other Filipinos.

Does he deserve to be in the same club as some other National Artists he allegedly bad-mouthed? Definitely. I've heard another national artist (now deceased) bad-mouth Jose's novels here in Los Angeles. The only difference is the other guy did it behind Jose's back and won't allow his comment to be attributed. Jose doesn't hide behind a façade of niceties. His English isn't American but he never pretended he was one.

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ERRATA

In the article on Lory Tan titled "Action Man" in the June 3 issue of SIM, please note the following corrections:

1. WWF-Philippines stands for the World Wide Fund for Nature-Philippines, and not the World Wildlife Fund.

2. WWF is still locally known as Kabang Kalikasan ng Pilipinas.

3. Romy Trono was the former Vice-President for Field Operations of KKP, and not the former President as mentioned in the article. That position belonged to Dr. Celso Roque.

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The transition to adulthood could have been smoother for the quintessential child superstar, but Nino Muhlach has accepted that showbiz is and always will be his world, whether he's in front of, or behind, the cameras.

by Eric S. Caruncho

El Niño

IF YOU BELIEVE TABLOID TV, CHILD STARS ARE SCREWED FROM THE START. THEY ARE EITHER "DEPRIVED OF A NORMAL CHILDHOOD," "EXPLOITED BY MANIPULATIVE STAGE PARENTS AND/ OR SCHEMING MANAGERS," "FORCED TO GROW UP PREMATURELY," "PERMANENTLY SCARRED BY THE EMOTIONAL TRAUMA OF BEING THRUST INTO THE GLARE OF PUBLICITY AT A VULNERABLE AGE," OR MORE LIKELY, ALL OF THE ABOVE. THUS, ACCORDING TO THE DINA BONNEVIE SCHOOL OF PSYCHOTHERAPY, IT'S A WONDER THEY DON'T ALL END UP DYSFUNCTIONAL BULIMIC SUBSTANCE ABUSERS WITH POOR SELF-IMAGES. AND WORSE, WITH NO MONEY TO SHOW FOR IT.

It's true that child stars (or rather, ex-child stars) have it harder than most. Becoming an adult is difficult enough for most people, but when you've reached your peak at age 8, it's hard not to think that life is all downhill from there. Few have as smooth a career trajectory as Vilma Santos, who went from child star to teen star to star for all seasons. Some find it hard to deal with the diminished expectations that go with becoming less famous and having to, as they say, get a life.

But some do okay.

In many ways, Niño Muhlach was the quintessential child star. The "Wonder Boy of Philippine cinema" was a superstar in his own right at a time when Fernando Poe Jr., Dolphy, Nora Aunor and Vilma Santos were the reigning box office kings and queens. At the peak of his success – in the late '70s, from age four to nine – he was making five movies at a time and commanding bigger talent fees than FPJ himself. In that span of time, he starred in no less than 40 movies, and featured in at least as many. For the better part of the decade, the Niño phenomenon swept the movie world. Then one day, it was gone.

"Newton's law," shrugs Niño Muhlach. "Everything that goes up must come down."

We are on the top floor of the El Niño Apartelle in Cubao. A legacy of Muhlach's peak earning years, his father built it for him when he was eight and he has lived here since. With his still boyish looks, it is hard to believe that Niño turns 30 later this October, and will shortly become a father. He and his wife Edith have the name already picked out for their son-to-be: Allessandro Martinno.

"*Sana maging kasing kapal ko* (I hope he becomes as thick-skinned as me)," he quips as he lights up a Marlboro. "*Ang* running joke *ko nga, puwede ko nang pagkakitaan ang anak ko* (I can start making money from my kid)."

In a more serious vein, he adds: "I'm not going to force him [into the movies] but if he has the talent and *gusto niya*, why not?"

Why not indeed. The fact is, Niño has mostly good memories about his run at child stardom.

"I never felt that I was deprived of a normal childhood," he says. "*Ang* feeling *ko, sila ang* deprived *kasi hindi nila mae*-experience *ang na*-experience *ko*."

The stage set was one big playground for him, a magical make-believe world with heroes and villains, ogres and princesses. Most kids are told fairy tales; Niño was allowed to be in them, and given the freedom to ad lib. A natural-born ham, Niño thrived at the center of attention. "Once I know people are watching, the more I like it."

Of course, not everyone has his pedigree. Father Alex Muhlach married film star Rebecca Rocha, who was herself the daughter of another movie star, Nella Alvarez. And Niño's "*Tita* Nena" was, of course, Amalia Fuentes.

One day *Tita* Nena needed some kids for a movie she was doing, *"May Lalaki Sa Ilalim Ng Kama,"* and Niño was handy.

"*Nag*-ad lib ako. *Kumanta ako ng* 'Brush, brush, brush my teeth, brush my *ti*—.' Everybody laughed." He was two years old.

His mother next took him to auditions for a new TV talk show that Ariel Ureta was to host, called "Ariel and Co. After Six." She had neglected to read the fine print that said they were looking for a girl, and

Wonder boy today: "There is nothing I want to do more than make movies."

Playing sidekick to you-know-who in his movie star days

arrived at the auditions to find Janice de Belen, Lea Salonga and several other girls waiting. As he recalls it, Niño turned on the charm, sidled up to Ariel and upstaged the competition, and the producers changed their minds and decided to cast him instead. Audiences were captivated by the three-year-old's precocious repartee with his co-star.

His next big break came with a TV commercial for Milkmaid. The "Grow tall, little man" ad campaign made a huge impact on the viewing public.

"I think they got sued for false advertising," jokes the vertically challenged Niño. "*Biro mo, 'yung* image model *hindi tumangkad*."

By this time, the Muhlach family realized that they had a budding star on their hands, and quickly formed Wonder Films, a production outfit. A series of box-office smashes followed, each grossing more than the other. The official seal of approval came when Fernando Poe Jr. himself offered Niño – then four years old – his first title role in *"Ang Leon At Ang Daga."* The movie made ridiculous amounts of money at the box office. The winning action-comedy formula proved a durable one: "Kuwatog" again with FPJ, "Beloy and the Kid" with Vic Vargas, *"Harabas Con Bulilit"* with Jun Aristorenas, ad infinitum. Niño was a bona fide superstar.

Niño went to the International School because classes ended early. He would then go to the set to shoot until 10 p.m., every day. He never seemed to tire of the routine.

"*Pag wala akong ginagawa, nagkakasakit ako* (If I wasn't busy, I'd get sick)," he recalls. "*May* time *na sa isang* set, I had five costume changes because I was doing five movies at the same time."

Niño basked in the adulation. Every morning he would peek out of the family home in Cubao to find as many as eight minibuses loaded with fans from the provinces waiting for a glimpse of a genuine movie star. Malacañang even assigned him a permanent Metrocom escort when it was thought he might be a target for kidnappers.

When critics started to snipe at the well-worn formulas, Wonder Films decided it was time to make more "serious" films. They approached the most respected director of the day, Lino Brocka. It proved to be a major change, in more ways than one.

"I hated Lino Brocka," recalls Niño. The feeling was, apparently, mutual.

"*Sinisigawan niya ako sa harap ng tao* (he would yell at me in front of people). I was used to being babied. If I wanted to stop, it was okay for other directors to yell, 'Cut!' *Pero kay* Lino Brocka, your tears had to fall at the exact moment in the dialogue that he wanted. *Kung hindi, uulitin n'yo. Doon ko lang naramdaman na trabaho pala ito, na ang hirap pala maging artista* (If not, you had to do it again. That was the only time I felt that this was work, that it was hard to be a movie star)."

Nevertheless, Brocka delivered *"Ang Tatay Kong Nanay"* and *"Tahan Na, Empoy, Tahan,"* both of which won multiple awards for director and child star and silenced the critics, for the time being anyway. But even Niño began to sense that things were changing.

"Even then, my father was telling me that one day this would all be gone," says Niño. Against that day, his father had set up a trust fund with his earnings, invested in the apartment building, and in a burst of optimism, made a reservation at Stanford University.

True enough, the time did come. One day Niño went out and there were no minibuses parked outside his house. He noticed that he no longer had a police escort when he was driven to the set.

"*Alam ko na pero wala akong sinasabi* (I already knew but I wasn't saying anything)," he says. "*Dinededma ko kasi ayaw kong harapin* (I was ignoring it because I didn't want to face it)." But when his movies started to bellyflop at the box office, he could no longer stay in denial. He was too old to be a child star.

There was a bright side, however. For the first time, he could lead a "normal" life. He went to a normal school, started hanging out with normal friends, drove his own car, did the normal teenage things. This went on for a while.

"But one day, I realized that I could only be happy once I'm back in front of the camera. But if I wanted to go back, I also realized that I would have to start from scratch."

He swallowed his pride and made a go of a second career as a teen star. Compared to his days as Wonder Boy, this was the minor leagues, with talent fees that he would have laughed at in the old days. But it was at least something.

As the guy who used to be Niño Muhlach, he still carried a fraction of the old clout in showbiz circles. But mismanagement and over-enthusiasm took their toll. According to Niño, there came a point when he was juggling eight projects all at once. Inevitably, schedules got tangled up, crucial dates were missed, and his professional reputation was left in tatters. To make things worse, the show biz press alluded that he was messed up on drugs, or messed up by his disastrous love life. Niño admits that he dabbled with shabu for a time, and that his high-profile relationships with actress Beth Tamayo and bold star Ynez Veneracion left much to be desired. But more than anything, he blames overzealousness, his own desire to get back in the game, for his misfortunes.

But that's all done with now. By his own reckoning, Niño is now on his third career in show business, and this time he wants to spend it behind the camera. A few years back, he apprenticed with veteran TV director Johnny Manahan, and took film and drama courses.

"*Noong bata pa ako, lahat ng* aspects *ng paggawa ng pelikula pinakikialaman ko, hanggang* dubbing *at* editing." This fascination with movie making remains an overriding passion.

Niño is a regular host on "Lunchbreak," Channel 13's noontime variety show, and he will be appearing in a supporting role to Judy Ann Santos and Mikey Arroyo in *"Mahal Kita."* But he will also be directing *"Saklolo Abogado,"* a weekly legal advice show on Channel 13. He also helps his father with the promotions and marketing for Megamelt, the family's burgeoning bakeshop chain.

All in all, this is a good time for Niño Muhlach. The transition to adulthood could have been smoother, but those are the breaks. If he has one regret, it is the fact that he will probably never be able to use that deposit his father made to Stanford.

"I have to admit to myself, *ito talaga ang mundo ko* (this is my world)," he says. "There is nothing I want to do more than make movies."

Poetry

Pusher

To love the loser
and not the loss.
This is still a country
where *for giveness*
is two words and *bestfriend* one.
This much is known:
the contractions are there
to show ('coz) that we are all friends
here. All families are (immediate).
Now, I urge you to spell
disaster/ Help is not far
behind. Nothing is wrong (in the asking).
Given time we can all make
the proper connections.
"Zaide is to history
as Lumbera to literature."
I have read a hundred books
and I am ready / for the world
(is an apple) is illiterate.
Understand *they were given*
proper names, *dates* and *how difficult*
to address *them*. And yet there were
no memories, only memorizings.

Paolo Manalo

Sleeping Over at Lola's

At nine o'clock you tell me it's time for bed:
Safe within the pillow fortress you had built me,
I form faces and mountain ranges

from the ceiling's peeling paint
and shadows from the lamppost light
spilling through the window.

Veiled by the blanket you yourself had sewn,
I hear you whisper as you thumb your beads
as you wait for me to fall asleep.

After your prayers, you turn on the transistor radio.
They're playing old songs.
I notice you've put down your hair from that
tightly knit bun

and I realize that you have long hair.
I slowly drift to sleep with your image:
still thumbing your beads, and as Sinatra sings,
you swoon.

Michael S. Santos

LIVING IN THE HIGHEST

Revising A Marriage Vow (not only for marriageables)

Smashing the "I" of the storm in married life

by Pete F. Galvez

A man complained to his friend, "I had it all ... money, a magnificent house, a luxury car, the love of a beautiful woman. Then *pow*! It was all gone."

"What happened?" asked the friend.

Replied the man, "My wife found out."

Many marriages don't last as long as *"till death do us part,"* a traditional vow that usually needs more than just epoxy between the *"I do's"* and the grave. Indeed, more often than not, ceremonial promises never see the light of fulfillment.

What seems to be the problem?

I'll never forget what our marriage counselor pointed out one week before my wife and I got married.

He asked me, "What makes marriage a success?

"It's a matter of give and take," I answered confidently.

> God ... is able to do IMMEASURABLY MORE than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us ...
> EPHESIANS 3:20

"Wrong," he countered. "A successful marriage is a matter of *give and give, no take.*

"This guy must be kidding," I thought to myself.

Then he added, "You see, if you give and give to your wife, and your wife gives and gives to you, who needs taking?"

What an impactful proposition!

By experience, my wife and I through the years have continually enjoyed the soundness of this advice.

Of course, we've had a few arguments — emphasis on *few* — but none developed into a serious breach.

Perhaps the often violated "till death do us part" vow in countless marriages needs to be revised. The fulfillment of this formidable wedding promise can only be realized by carefully considering a radical approach. Instead of or aside from "till death do us part," why not *"let death be our start?"*

The "I" of the Storm. Let's take a close look at our "I"s. Most men live on the cafeteria plan — self-service only. Indeed, we live in a world inundated with "I"s. It's *kanya-kanya* (each man for himself). *Ako muna* (me first). *What's in it for me?* The *self* on the throne. The *self* as a god. And there are many gods. Ever heard of the war of the gods? Married life can be a war zone.

Let's admit it. The center of many a man-made storm is the "I". And, friends, that's the most destructive force on earth — not the neutron bomb, but the "I".

The following fable carries a load of sobering truth: Three monkeys once dining in a coconut tree were discussing some things they had heard to be true, "What do you think? Now listen, you two. Here, fellow monkeys, is something that cannot be true, that humans descended from our pure race. Why, it's simply shocking — a terrible disgrace."

"Who ever heard of a monkey deserting his wife? Leave a baby starve and ruin its life? And have you ever known of a mother monk to leave her darling, with a stranger to bunk? Their babies are handed from one to another and scarce ever know the love of a mother."

"And I've never known a monkey so selfish as to build a big fence around the coconut tree so other monkeys can't get a wee taste, but would let all the coconuts here go to waste. Why, if I'd put a fence around this coconut tree, starvation would force you to steal from me."

"And here is another thing a monkey won't do, seek a bootlegger's shanty and get in a stew, carouse and go on a whoopee, disgracing his life, then reel madly home and beat up his wife. They call this all a pleasure and make a big fuss, they've descended from something, but not from us."

Passing the buck. Many claim that the main culprit in life is the *beast* in us. (Monkeys would certainly resent that.) Truth is — to be thoroughly honest with ourselves — the "I" is the real culprit. In the cauldron of life, the reigning "I" (self-interest, self-aggrandizement, *Me first, I want it now!*) spoils the brew. The "I" on the steering wheel usually ends up plunging headlong into murky troubled waters and a tragic existence. So before it's too late . . .

Death to the "I"! God, who created us, knows what makes us tick. And sick. And His Son has zeroed in on the problem and knows what destroys us. Thus, He commands: ". . . if any person wills to come after Me, let him deny himself — that is, disown himself and his own interests, refuse and give up himself — and take up his cross daily (Note, in Tagalog: *patayin si ako araw-araw)* and follow Me" (LUKE 9:23 AMPLIFIED BIBLE). Incredible? Read on.

Let death be our start. Real success in marriage, in relationships — in life — begins with the death of the destructive self. Our Substitute died on the cross in our stead. In effect, as St. Paul puts it, "I have been crucified with Christ: and I myself no longer live, but Christ lives in me. And the real life I now have within this body is a result of my trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me" (GALATIANS 2:20 • LIVING BIBLE). Paradoxically, only when the "I" dies can new life — and real living — begin.

As many have discovered, *till death do us part* becomes a joyful reality when rooted in *let death be our start.* The principle of *"it is more blessed to give than to receive"* applies here. In marriage and all other relationships, *give and give, no take* is the key. Others first, me last.

Jesus said: "Your attitude must be like my own, for I, the Messiah, did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give my life as a ransom for many " (MATTHEW 20:28 • THE LIVING BIBLE).

The real winners — those who are deeply admired — are the givers. Those who selflessly serve others with love. A saying: Forget yourself for others, and they will not forget you.

Keep on planting love and we keep on harvesting love.

When the "I" renounces his throne and the great "I am" takes over as King, then — *"God is able to do* [in the life of His followers] *immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine according to His power that is at work within us . . ."* (EPHESIANS 3:20 NIV).

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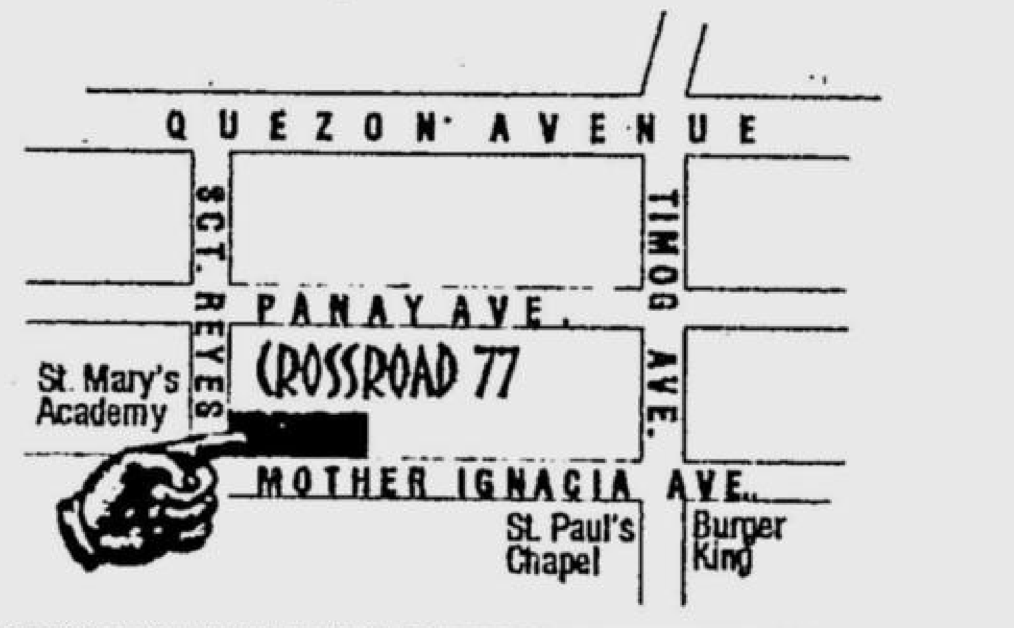
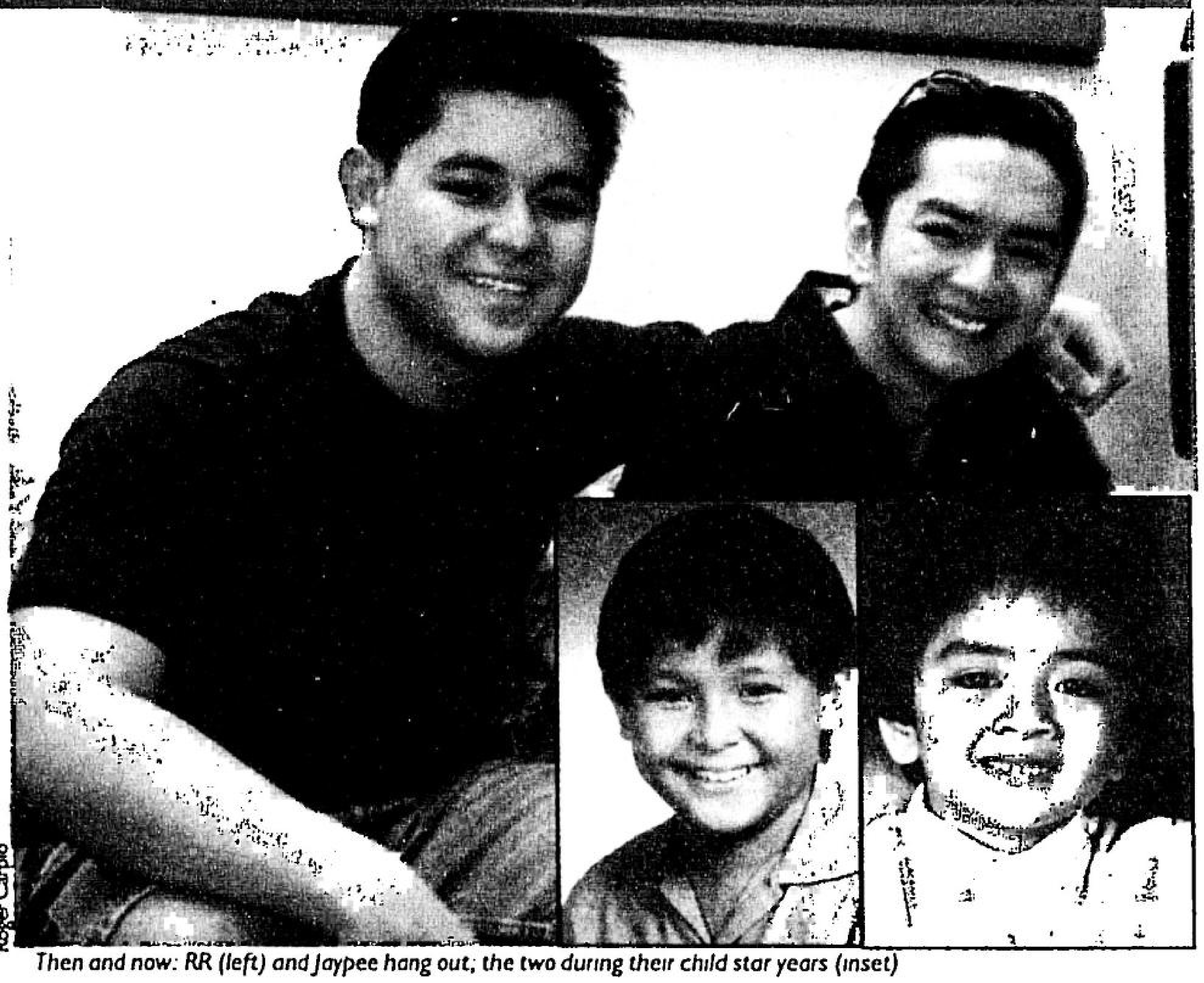


Two survivors of the child star wars find themselves in good company

by Tisha Alvarez

Buddies

Beyond the Boob Tube



Roger Carpio

Then and now: RR (left) and Jaypee hang out; the two during their child star years (inset)

A GLIMPSE OF THE PROTOTYPICAL CHILD STAR: AT THE TENDER AGE OF FIVE, HE SINGS HIS VERY OWN RENDITION OF MICHAEL JACKSON'S "BAD" COMPLETE WITH CHOREOGRAPHY AT A RELATIVE'S BIRTHDAY PARTY. HE'S CUTE, AND HE'S SEMI-TALENTED. A FEW PHONE CALLS, A MEETING HERE, A SCREEN TEST THERE, AND BEFORE YOU KNOW IT, HE HAS HIS VERY OWN MOVIE! AND ANOTHER. THEN ON TO A DAYTIME TV SERIES THAT RUNS FOR SIX YEARS. THEN HE OUTGROWS HIS CUTENESS. AND THE DOTING FANS DISAPPEAR. HE'S OUT PARTYING EVERY NIGHT. HE GETS SOME GIRL PREGNANT. AND ANOTHER. HE MOVES IN WITH AN OLDER WOMAN AND JUST AS QUICKLY GETS THROWN OUT OF THE LOVE NEST. DO ALL CHILD STARS SOMEHOW END UP LIKE THIS?

Exhibit A: Ramoncito "RR" Herrera. The 21-year-old Management senior majoring in Communication Technology at the Ateneo de Manila University was discovered when he was 6 at his mother's birthday party. The offers came in, his mother declined, but RR declared, "I want to become an actor." After winning the "Search for Regal Child Star," he was in such movies as "*Kailangan Mo Ako*" and "*Orapronobis*," the Lino Brocka film banned in the Philippines but shown at the Cannes Film Festival. With a FAMAS award, a Metro Manila Film Festival award, and several nominations, RR is probably best known for his stint on the TV show "*Eh Kasi Bata*."

Exhibit B: Jaypee James de Guzman. The 23-year-old Communication Arts graduate from De La Salle University got into show business because, in his words, "I was very bored." After being part of a children's TV show, and after doing a commercial, he went on to audition for a series on Channel 2. "Blue" was his first series, "*Saan Darating ang Umaga*," one of his movies, and Star, FAMAS, Metro Manila Film Festival some of his awards.

"It was a party for me," says RR of his days as a child actor.

"I got to play a lot. I got the toys I wanted," says Jaypee who now has his own business, directing shows and music videos. The two met at the set of the movie, "1+1=12+1," where they joined several other child actors. Often gesturing with their hands as they talk, the two tell stories of a scary old house in New Manila, issues among *alalays*, and joining "*Pera o Bayong*" a few months ago.

"*Talo yata kami* (I think we lost)," says Jaypee. "*Talo* (We lost)," affirms RR. "*Tapos umulit tayo* (Then we joined again)—" begins Jaypee. "*Umulit kami sa* 'Winner Take All!'"

"We had a plan *na no'n*. Sure-win plan!" Jaypee blurts out, "but we didn't win."

Although they debated on whether Sheryl Cruz was part of the cast of one of their movies or not ("*Hindi, pare! Si* Lotlot, *si* Chuckie, *si* Isabel—*may* crush *ako kay* Isabel *eh!*"), RR and Jaypee share common reasons for leaving showbiz. With the greater demands of high school, the two found that they needed more time to focus on their studies. The age factored in as well. "You get to that awkward age, so they say, when you're not a kid and you're still a kid and they couldn't give you any roles," explains Jaypee.

RR adds, "I had to quit *kasi* the only show I had was '*Eh Kasi Bata*' and I was already in high school and *naka-*shorts *pa ako, kumakanta-kanta pa ako!*"

Jokes about their show biz days are "an everyday occurrence," as Jaypee puts it, and RR reveals that he even got into a fight back when he was in second grade. But the two have learned not to be affected by it, accepting that it comes with the territory. And the learning experience that their stay in the business has to offer seems to more than compensate for the teasing. Jaypee's days of playing with the cameras on the set came in handy when he was in college, while RR explains that being a child actor helped him learn how to deal with all sorts of people. "It's not every day that you get the chance to meet a lot of people—*mahirap, mayaman, lalake, babae, bakla, bata, matanda* (poor, rich, men, women, homosexuals, children, old people). I'm really proud to say *na kahit sinong tao ang itapat mo sa akin*, I can relate with them."

Jaypee agrees, adding that it's also easier for other people to relate to them because they have something to talk about. "If we were to work as social workers, it'd be a whole lot easier. *Ilagay kami sa* depressed area, *may* recall *kaagad.*"

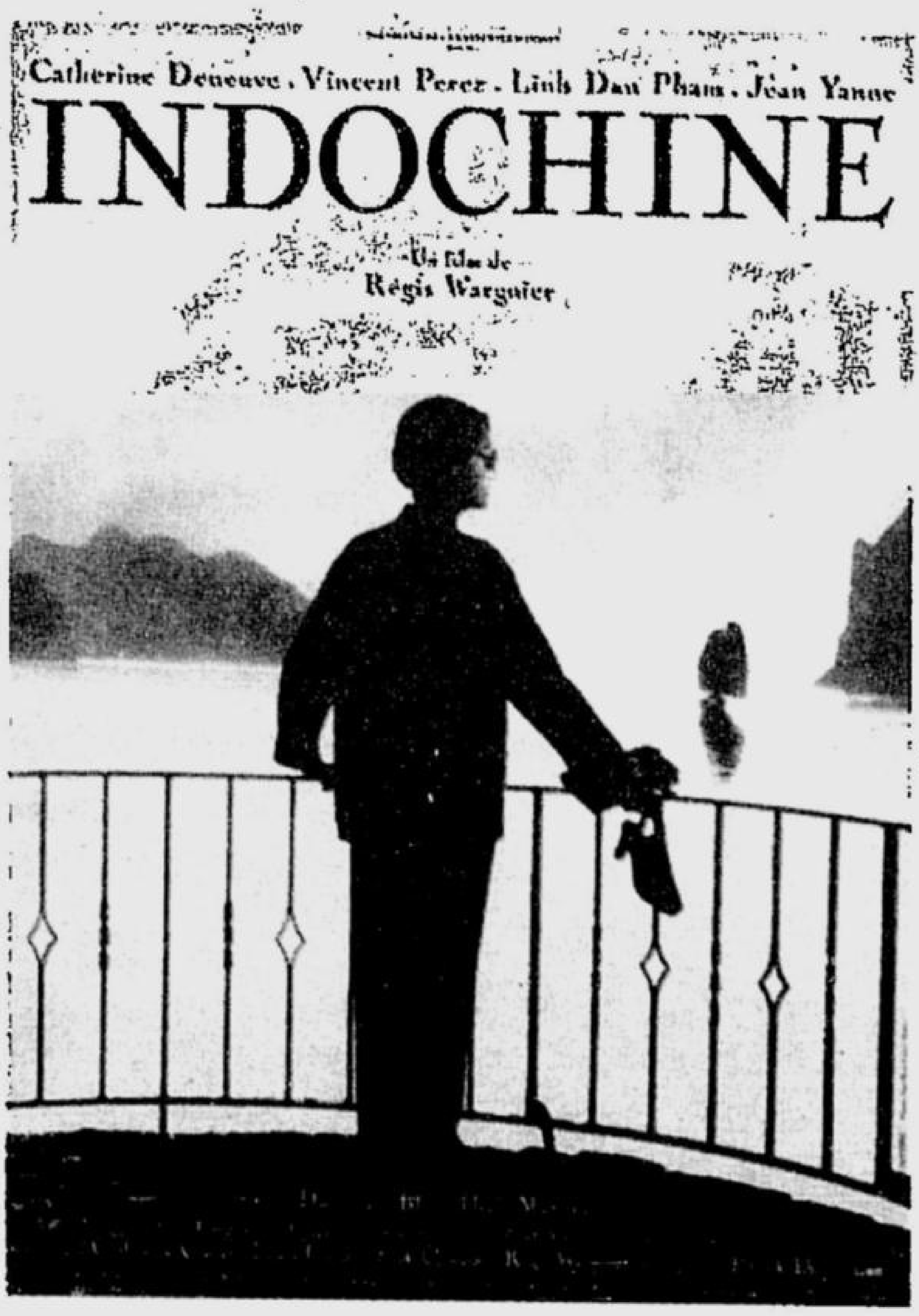
The hand gestures, the confidence when answering questions, the artistic inclination—these are the only visible things that have been carried over from their child star days. There are no major quirks, no real eccentricities (unless one counts Jaypee's fascination with toys)—in fact, the two are relatively normal. They attribute this normalcy to the Philippine setting. RR believes that, in this country, what matters is what the fans want, "*Konting makita lang na pangit sa ugali mo, bibitawan ka na* (If they see that you have an attitude problem, they won't support you anymore)."

Although they have won a number of acting awards, their greatest achievement could very well be being so seemingly unaffected by all the thrills and frills of show biz. RR, described by Jaypee as "*mabait*," is seen by many as a very friendly, talkative, down-to-earth person. He wants to work on Broadway, whether onstage or backstage, just for the experience. Jaypee, on the other hand, is laid back, is admittedly reclusive at times, and dreams of becoming a millionaire by the age of 25—much like other 23-year-olds. He sees himself directing films in the future.

Indeed, these two former child stars have taken the best of what being in showbiz has to offer and have successfully applied it to their lives. Exhibits A and B definitely do not conform to the prototype child star. Instead, they have taken the best elements of their experiences as former child actors and used these to their advantage—a lesson that the Macaulay Culkins of this world could learn from.

Spring Isn't Over

Catch the tail-end of the annual French art festival in Manila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"Indochine," one of the featured films at the French Film Festival at the Shangri-La Plaza Mall

THERE'S still time to catch some of the events in this year's French Spring in Manila, the annual French arts festival presented by the French Embassy in the Philippines and Alliance Francaise de Manille, with the participation of Association Francaise D'Action Artistique. With the theme "A Celebration of Youth," this year's hip edition kicked off with such a contemporary and eclectic mix as the Orchestre de Contrebasses, jazz trumpeteer Alain Brunet, Les Trompettes de Versailles and the Junior Ballet of the Conservatory of Paris. Still to be experienced are the last day tomorrow, June 18, of the French Film Festival at the Shangri-La Plaza Mall, which had such offerings as "Taxi," "Indochine," "Place Vendome" and "Salsa," and which attracted a record number of 18,000 French cinephiles last year. Also, the French Figurative Painting exhibit at the Metropolitan Museum of Manila until June 30; chamber music with Jerome Ducros and Gautier Capucon on June 18 and with Frederic Pelassy and Luci Magalit on June 20, both at the RCBC Plaza; and the concluding Fete de la Musique in Malate on June 23. For inquiries, call the French Embassy at 813-1908, or e-mail culturel@france.com.ph.

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Star Child

SHE LIVES ONLY WITHIN THE CAGE THAT IS OUR TELEVISION MEMORY: TINY, PRECOCIOUS, HER HAIR IN TINY PIGTAILS, WALKING LIKE A DUCK, READING A POEM IN A COLORFUL DRESS.

Aiza Seguerra, the perfect child star. Bow. For years, she defined the very concept of the phenomenal youth performer. We all loved her, never wanted her to grow up. So we held her captive in that TV in our minds, some wishing to keep her there forever, so she would never go through adolescence. But Aiza Seguerra has never been one to do exactly as people expected of her. She has always been larger than anyone's narrow image of Aiza, eternally ready to surprise.

SHE was a very pleasant surprise from the very beginning. Decoroso Seguerra and Caridad Yamson met at the Dapitan, Manila tailoring shop they worked in and married in 1978. The couple had trouble conceiving and Mommy Caring was soon praying for divine intervention. Just one child, she prayed. At the age of 43, she got her wish. Cariza Yamson Seguerra was born on September 17, 1983. She would indeed prove to be one heck of a blessing.

Mommy Caring, whom everyone calls "Mommy Caring," says they didn't do anything out of the ordinary; Aiza was just amazing. Once she began talking at barely one year old, no one could stop her — literally. "*Talagang makulit lang ako*," Aiza laughs. The young child liked to read, and there were always a lot of reference books around the house. She was also talented, singing as soon as she could talk. Aiza says she inherited her love of music from her parents and counts Gary Valenciano as an early musical idol. "I could imitate him," Aiza smiles. Mommy Caring would take Aiza to singing contests and celebrations, where the tot would be a hit. "And when she was on stage, the emcees couldn't butt in, she would keep talking," Mommy Caring explains.

She was three when she joined the event that would change her life—and it wasn't even their idea at first. In 1987, almost all the young girls wanted to be Little Miss Philippines — the title held by the winner of a girls' pageant on the thriving noontime show "Eat Bulaga!" Encouraged by neighbors and friends, Mommy Caring brought Aiza to the auditions. Aiza wowed the crowd and made it all the way to the grand finals. She gamely recited a homemade poem during the talent portion, got off smart answers during the question-and-answer, and even though she only finished fifth, was clearly the darling of the crowd. And just like that, a child star took her place in dizzying orbit.

Noticed by talent managers, Aiza soon made a guest appearance on the gag show "Goin' Bananas," and then graced "Eat Bulaga" 's pre-programming on RPN-9, *"Kumpletos Recados,"* before graduating to the big show itself. She quickly won over the TV audience because of her smart comebacks with the older *"Bulaga"* hosts. She would appear regularly on her own segment, "Aiza's Kiddie Corner," and led the duckwalk into the popular *"Bulagaan"* joke segments. This is how virtually everybody remembers Aiza, year after year for almost a decade: duck-walking, in little pigtails and a colorful dress, into infinity.

THE TAG on child stars is that they grow up different, that they lose their childhood because they have to work. Indeed, Aiza, studying at OB Montessori, would get up early to go to school in the morning and then leave for the studio at lunch. She juggled work and studies, but she actually liked it, except for one thing. "I really hated getting up early," she recalls. She would even go on to make over 20 movies and win awards.

Because Aiza's dad continued to work as a government employee, Aiza didn't have to work to support her family. Instead, with Mommy Caring managing her affairs, she was saving up for the future. It also has to be noted that Aiza truly enjoyed the rush of showbusiness. "I didn't have a difficult time because I had already gotten used to it," Aiza explains. "It became natural to me. I was enjoying everything I was doing." Aiza adds that she wasn't conscious of just how popular she was during that time, despite the hysteria at provincial fiestas she would visit, or the public reaction whenever she was seen out. "I loved all the travelling," Aiza beams, "and it was all for free!"

Mommy Caring made sure that Aiza's feet were firmly planted on the ground. "We would go to Luneta, all those places, Manila Zoo," Mommy Caring recalls. "I grew up not afraid of people," Aiza explains, adding that she enjoyed playing with neighbors just outside their house. "I played *tumbang preso* and *taguan*," Aiza smiles. In other words, Aiza got to live a pretty normal life whenever she was away from the spotlight. "Only her sleeping habits and her eating habits were different," Mommy Caring notes. "Otherwise, she was a normal girl." As normal as the top box-office draw of her time could be.

Ernie U. Sarmiento

GROWING up. Bow. Inevitably, Aiza had to grow up, and her career prospects changed as well. Philippine showbusiness is cruel, but cruelest to forgotten child stars, suns burnt out before their true ascension. After years of being a boob tube baby, Aiza was growing into a young lady, and the fickle TV audience turned its attention elsewhere. Aiza

Aiza Seguerra breaks free from the shackles of TV memory to follow her own personal orbit

began appearing less frequently on TV. She would make no more movies. "I knew it would happen because I was growing up and was in an awkward stage already," Aiza clarifies. "I wasn't disappointed because I knew this was the natural way of things."

Mommy Caring explains that they expected it. But the family had wisely saved Aiza's showbiz earnings and the family had received an incredible blessing in the form of a house from Regal Films' Lily Monteverde. "I considered myself very lucky because it was all like a game to me." Aside from saving up, Aiza also helped send several cousins through school, and the college plan she won for Little Miss Philippines is paying for her education today.

Thus Aiza turned her attention to becoming a full-fledged normal student instead of a part-time showbiz person. "I was already keeping a low profile because I was in high school and my schedule made it difficult to do showbiz anyway," she explains. Like everybody else, Aiza studied hard when she liked the teacher or the subject.

Perhaps what is most amazing is how normal she is, after everything. Nowadays, 17-year-old Aiza is enjoying the life (and the food) while taking Fine Arts at the University of Santo Tomas. "I sometimes said in interviews that I would stop being in showbusiness at 18 because I wanted to enjoy my life away from it. The timing was just right. I managed to enjoy being a teenager."

When Aiza was younger, her mother arranged everything for her, went everywhere with her. Now that Aiza's older, the two remain very close and Mommy Caring remains her companion on important engagements. "Aiza's grown up now, and is independent," Mommy Caring explains. The only disagreements they have are about Aiza's insistence on commuting by herself. "I tell her that she's still an *artista* and so I should come along when she takes the jeep."

Yet intrigue will haunt anyone who keeps even a foot in showbiz, no matter how normal they are today, and Aiza makes for an easy target. With her recent resurgence, questions have been asked about her sexual orientation. To which, Aiza answers: "People are wondering only because I look like this, and dress like this. I act like this. So I just don't mind it when people think that about me. I'm happy the way I am right now, and whatever my choice is, I guess they just have to respect it."

Mommy Caring says that these questions arise only because of Aiza's stocky, athletic build, her disposition, her taste for jeans, shorts and T-shirts and her chosen sport: practical pistol shooting. Indeed, Aiza's weapon of choice is her Colt .45. "I like guns and it helps me release tension." Now there's an image for the TV viewer: Aiza packing heat.

But her life now is that of any other student. Aiza doesn't smoke, only drinks occasionally, and enjoys hanging out with her *barkada*. Possessing a powerful sense of humor, she enjoys reading, particularly Neil Gaiman's "Sandman" comic books. And she enjoys singing and playing her guitar, which never leaves her side and even has a place beside her bed. "A day doesn't go by," she says, "without me playing music."

AS FAR as career resurrections are concerned, Aiza's switch from a movie to a music career was clearly surprising. "When I was with 'Eat Bulaga!,'" she recalls, "they made me sing on screen because they noticed I had a voice. It started then." Aiza didn't think she would become a real singer. "I didn't like recording," she remembers, "and so I didn't want to be a singer. But then something happened." Aiza learned to enjoy listening, singing and playing the guitar, particularly her favorites: Sarah McLachlan, Tracy Chapman, Jewel, singer-songwriters all. "Singing is my priority now," Aiza stresses. It was a hobby that turned into a real passion.

An early album with Alpha Records was only the beginning. After hearing her perform at a show recently, Vicor Records signed her to a two-year contract. Vicor advertising and promotions manager Merle L. Mercado says Aiza "has a great, super radio-friendly voice." While she admits that Aiza's child star past helps with recognition, Vicor signed her because she was a great talent, period. "She'll be very successful in her career," Merle explains, "and all the signs are already there."

Those signs are emanating mostly from her first album with Vicor, *"Pagdating ng Panahon."* An acoustic paean to waiting for love, the title track has zoomed straight to the top of the charts. Listeners have discovered Aiza has a voice as rich and fluid as good liquor.

Beyond the incredible upside to her music career, Aiza's keeping it all in perspective. This is still, in her own words, a sideline. "I won't give it up because it's something I love," Aiza enthuses, "but I do believe I should have a real job." She wants to put up her own business someday. She even dreams of playing on an expensive cruise someday. From day one, Aiza has continued to remember that this business gives and takes with merciless speed. She is older and she has learned well.

Perhaps being the object of fanatical adulation does bring wisdom, even for someone who is still legally a minor. "Being a child star made me grow up earlier because you know that you're earning money and you know you have to be responsible," Aiza explains. Mommy Caring adds that being a child star helped Aiza meet all kinds of different people. "I can get along with everyone," Aiza confirms.

If, in the end, all the starry glitter does fade and she has to return to a completely normal life, it wouldn't bother her one bit, this celestial body taking its rightful place in the ordinary night sky. "I wouldn't mind that at all. I still want to be able to go out without people recognizing me and I can do whatever I want," Aiza Seguerra answers. "I've enjoyed the whole thing. I don't regret anything."

by Alya B. Honasan
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Don't Cry for Janice

IF YOU'VE EVER SEEN AN EPISODE OF "FLOR DE LUNA," THE '80S SOAP OPERA THAT PAVED THE WAY FOR A GENERATION OF SUDSY CLONES, IT CAN BE SURREAL TO WATCH ITS ERSTWHILE STAR, JANICE DE BELEN, NEGOTIATING WITH HER SON LUIGI. BECAUSE JANICE'S FACE AND LOVELY, UNFLINCHING EYES – WHICH STILL SEEM READY TO WATER AT A MOMENT'S NOTICE – HAVE REMAINED ESSENTIALLY THE SAME, ONE WATCHES RATHER INCREDULOUSLY AS SHE LOOKS UP AT HER 14-YEAR-OLD, WHO TOWERS ABOVE HER, AND BARGAINS OVER CURFEWS, WHERE HE'S GOING, WHO HE'S GOING WITH. IN THE END, IT'S A COMPROMISE. "BRING YOUR CELLPHONE SO I CAN CALL YOU," SHE COMMANDS, AND LUIGI IS SATISFIED.

"I'm the biggest *contrabida* in his life," laughs Janice, now 32, when asked what kind of a mother she is to Luigi, her son with actor Aga Muhlach. "I can be very understanding, but when I choose not to be, *naku*. But aren't mothers like that?"

Janice is dressed in a T-shirt and jeans that show a significantly slimmer figure. "Secret," she says of her weight loss routine, arriving for the interview at her aunt's house with Luigi and her entourage of toddlers Inah, 9, Moira, 8, Kaila, 5, and Yuan, 2, the cute products of her 10-year marriage to actor John Estrada. "When I go to the grocery, it's like I have a catering job!" she laughs. "I have a children's party every day! If other people have problems getting their kids to eat, I can't get them to stop, I swear."

They're all clearly screen material, as well, and Janice sighs. "I held out for so long," she says of Luigi, whom she finally allowed into showbiz as part of the new batch of *"Ang TV."* "Anything we do is nepotistic, I believe. Many kids of doctors become doctors, because that's what they see, they have a fascination for things their folks do." But neither Janice's dad, advertising executive Philip, nor her mom Susan were on TV. "Well, my mom was a housewife, and that certainly rubbed off on me. I love being a mommy and housewife." Then she grins. *"Oops, mom na lang pala ako ngayon."*

The nonchalant reference is to the much-publicized recent crumbling of Janice's marriage to Estrada; they are currently separated. "I'm moving on, coping," Janice says simply. "Of course there are moments when it becomes really hard, but for the most part I'm peaceful."

So the drama did indeed spill into real life. "This doesn't happen just to me," Janice says in a calm voice. "It's just magnified by the fact that there's this Flor de Luna syndrome I have. Then there's the fact that we're public figures, so people sit there and watch every move you make, waiting for you to make a mistake or do something incredibly good. In reality, when you separate, it's a part of life." For her part, though, Janice, who consciously slowed down her career and made her family the center of her life, it's admittedly like "learning how to walk again. I'm relearning things, so along the way I will make mistakes and there will be things people will misunderstand. It's my kids and prayers that are keeping me strong."

The children have thankfully taken events in stride. "They get to see their dad a lot, so they don't feel the gaps of the love. Their dad adores them and so do I, although maybe not together. They see me, they know I'm fine and busy, they don't see me cry – and it helps them. You're a pillar in their life, so they don't want to see you falling apart."

The Flor de Luna syndrome, Janice reveals, includes people's continuing perception of her as a victim. "When you're being quiet and patient, people think of it as being a martyr. That's not really the case. I was just being myself; I have always been a patient person, I have always believed in the sanctity of a marriage, and in how a wife

Mga anak ni *Janice (sorry, we couldn't resist!): Cuddling with son Yuan, and with her adorable girls Kaila, Moira and Inah*

must be understanding. I am *not* being a martyr." It's hard to explain that to people, she concludes. "I guess when people watch you grow up, they wish you wouldn't get old. People will always hope you stay the way they picture you to be."

The syndrome is understandable for fans of the most phenomenal TV soap opera of its time and its prodigious star. Catherine Janice Yap de Belen, born and raised in Manila, is one of two daughters of Philip and Susan de Belen; her sister Gelli also entered showbiz as a teener. "When I was young, *maarte na talaga ako* (I was already quite vain)," she recalls. "My *lola* had a big mirror in her house, and we had lunch there on Saturdays. I remember rushing though my meal so I could pose in front of it and talk to myself."

Janice was 9 and a fourth-grader at St. Theresa's College when she tagged along with her dad on a visit to channel 9 and saw a sign announcing auditions for kids. "They would give you a script to read, just to interact with other people." Her first job was actually a role in the drama anthology of Rosa Rosal, *"Ulila,"* which her folks thought was just one of those one-shot appearances.

> *She shot to fame as a child star in a soap opera whose drama often extended into her real life. Today, Janice de Belen is a grown-up woman who knows when it's time to move on*

"The taping was traumatic," Janice laughs. "I didn't know I had to cry for real, so director Mario O'Hara stormed out of the studio and yelled, *'P——ina, iiyak ka ba o hindi?*(Are you going to cry or not?)' Imagine someone other than my folks screaming at me, and using the P word! I was so scared I really cried, and it was a take. Since then, I made sure that when they asked me to cry, I really cried!" Thus began the legend of how Janice could make tears flow on cue. "Initially, I would really make myself believe I was Flor. Of course, later on you graduate from that kind of motivation as you get better and you have more experience."

Ironically, Janice was supposed to take on the role of Flor's nemesis Wilma, with another child star (and Janice's eventual media archrival), the late Julie Vega, as Flor. Julie was suddenly unavailable, the Wilma role went to Maritess Ardieta, Janice was cast as Flor, and the rest is primetime TV history. Julie would later headline a show pitted against "Flor de Luna," "Anna Liza."

Despite the rivalry, Janice and Julie were "pretty close" and starred in many movies together, beginning with Janice's first, *"Basang Sisiw,"* together with Cheche de la Torre and Sheryl Cruz. That's why Julie's eventual death came as a genuine shock. "It's different when someone in your age group goes," Janice says.

As a growing TV star, Janice had a *barkada* in school like regular kids, "but I never saw them when school was over, because I was always taping. Besides, I was never really friendly. I was a loner." This was due to her own personality as well as the nature of her work. "I knew I wouldn't be able to keep friends, and I was not the type who'd call people and ask what's new.".

When she wasn't taping, Janice went straight home to do her assignments. On Mondays and Thursdays, after school she went straight to work, and taping would run from 5 p.m. until as late as 5 a.m. the next day. "Imagine, I'd go home, take a bath, sleep a little and then I'd have to wake up at 6:30 for school! I remember someone putting on my socks while I was still asleep, and in the car they'd only wake me up when the bell rang so I could get up and go to class."

Yet, Janice never, ever wanted out. "I liked the hecticness of things. I still love it when things are hectic, I think I have to be compulsively busy. I'm always doing something, reading, cross stitching."

She did finally want out five years later, when she was 14, had her first boyfriend, actor Gabby Concepcion, and began feeling that the intrigues were getting to her. "But when you get used to it, it's hard to leave, so I was back soon and doing movies left and right." "Flor de Luna" tried to continue without its prodigy for a year, then gave up, while Janice graduated into films.

Did she ever feel she was missing out on her youth? "That time, I enjoyed it," Janice muses. "For a child, it was fun being on TV. But now, when I look back, I realize I never experienced going to my JS prom or a soiree. I missed out on a lot." She recalls her dad crying when she had her first boyfriend. "They knew I was getting there, but I guess it only struck them then that I was growing up."

A Regal contract star, Janice eventually dropped out of school at 15, went on the Department of Education, Culture and Sports' (DECS) home study program to get her high school diploma, and took a few computer courses.

Still, Janice kept her head on and never developed a reputation as a diva. "My folks raised me to be responsible at an early age. Now it's a realization for me that our personality and our character stem from even the most trivial things when we were young. My mom and I would fight if I did not put my slippers where they belonged and my toys were not back where they were supposed to be. I had chores. Even when I was doing a lot of movies, I fixed my things for work. If something was forgotten, it was my fault."

And then, at 18, in circumstances that have become part of modern showbiz history, Janice became pregnant with Luigi. "My parents were sad, but then again they were excited at the prospect of a new

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Essay

by Nestor U. Torre

Other little hopefuls and their folks must learn from the experience of their predecessors so that our young performers can enjoy mostly happy, fruitful times during their years in the showbiz spotlight

The Dark Side of Child Stardom

Niño Muhlach at his peak was a charming ad-libber

CHILD STARS LOOK SO SMART, TALENTED AND LOVABLE ONSCREEN THAT IT'S A SHAME TO HAVE TO POINT OUT THAT MOVIE STARDOM FOR MOPPETS CAN HAVE ITS DARKER SIDE. PERHAPS YOU'VE HEARD ABOUT HOW LITTLE JUDY GARLAND WAS ALTERNATELY FED UPPERS AND DOWNERS SO THAT HER SHOOTING HOURS COULD BE MAXIMIZED BY HER PRODUCER.

Oh, but that's Hollywood, you say. Surely, such exploitation couldn't happen here!

Well, OK. But let me share my story about a popular child star who came up to me one day to complain about how her parents were forcing her to act in a childish manner – even if she was already 13 years old.

"They don't want me to grow up because they're afraid that producers won't get me for their movies anymore!" she complained in the vernacular. "But I've already had my period, and I feel so weird still pretending to be a little girl!"

To make things worse, the aging child star's parents were tall and fat, and they had stopped working and lived off their little daughter's earnings. So did their five other children, who were also quite obese, while the child actress remained thin and petite.

That's another thing: Have you noticed that most former child stars grow up into rather short adults? Think about it – Vilma Santos, Niño Muhlach, Aiza Seguerra, Tessie Agana, Roderick Paulate, Gina Alajar… Ian Veneracion is one of the few exceptions.

We asked movie people why this was so, and they figured that it was because child actors worked long hours, had to contend with all those hot klieg lights, sometimes had to eat on the run between engagements, etc.

Which is not to say that the life of a child star is completely miserable. Of course, it has its wonderful perks – lots of money, popularity, fun, acclaim, the chance to travel, meet important people and develop one's performing talents.

But we should be aware of the down side to child stardom, the occasional exploitation, the injustice of turning a minor into the family's breadwinner, problems at school due to lack of time for studying, the possibly negative

Vilma Santos, shown in "Sister Stella L.," made the successful transition from child star to adult actress; Tessie Agana and Boy Alano in "Roberta"; Aiza Seguerra has managed a career shift in her teenage years

influence of adult company in showbiz, growing up too fast, not having enough time to be a child, etc.

More important, if you have a young family member who wants to enter show business, make sure you learn from other people's mistakes and spare your child from the negative aspects of child stardom.

Namely: Don't live off you kid's earnings, give him time to study, play and sleep, protect him from the bad adult influences that are rife in show business, save and invest your child's earnings well, and teach him how to keep both feet on the ground despite the heady importunings of fame.

In the Philippines, the most popular child stars have been Tita Duran, Mila Nimfa, Tessie Agana, Vilma Santos, Niño Muhlach and Aiza Seguerra.

Tita was the country's version of Shirley Temple, and she could act, sing and dance with equal skill. She was really quite a cute little standout and the movie audience loved her to bits.

She was so lovable that, even after her child star years were over, the viewing public doted on her, making it possible for her to slide into teen and then adult stardom with the greatest of ease. When she married Pancho Magalona, however, Tita cut down on her acting assignments to take care of her growing family.

Mila Nimfa and Tessie Agana were local movies' little tragediennes, specializing in melodramatic "victim" roles that required them to cry a river of tears.

Tessie's "signature" movie was "Roberta," in which her young life was made miserable by a series of evil adults, led by the quintessentially nasty Bella Flores.

Later, Tessie became a teen actress and lightened up her performances so she could do some peppy singing and dancing. Then her family chose to live in the States, so Tessie ended her acting career.

A couple of years ago, Tessie paid a visit to the Philippines with a couple of her children, and she reminisced with other former Sampaguita Pictures stars about her happy times as a weepy child star in Philippine movies. Go figure.

Speaking of "signature" films, "Trudis *Liit*" was little Vilma Santos' splashy entry vehicle into the movies, and she also cried her heart and eyes out in the six-handkerchief melodrama.

Later, Vilma became a popular teen star, but she always played second fiddle to Nora Aunor. So, in the late '70s, Vilma started to play young-adult roles that were too daring for Nora to attempt to match, and Vilma began winning her share of top stellar acclaim and acting awards.

Niño Muhlach is the only male child actor in our list, but he was one of the very best. He was only three years old when Ariel Ureta got him as his ad-libbing sidekick in one of his TV shows.

The tyke was so smart that he dazzled the entire nation with his spontaneous, precocious comments on everything under the sun. Before long, he was making one film after another – and with the movie industry's top veteran stars, like Fernando Poe Jr. and Dolphy.

Years later, however, Niño became too smart-alecky for his own good, and his performances ceased to be fresh and endearing. Still, Niño's contribution to the local entertainment scene cannot be gainsaid.

Although he's no longer a big star these days, Niño's story has a relatively happy ending, thanks to his father's foresight. Instead of squandering his son's earnings like some other "stage parents," Niño's dad wisely invested them and put up a building that gives Niño a good, regular income to this day.

Like Niño, Aiza Seguerra was only three when she was discovered in a TV search for cute and talented kids. Again like Niño, Aiza was a precocious little ad-libber who ended up making many movies with the biggest stars in the land.

Through it all, Aiza continued to appear on "Eat Bulaga," the noontime show that had discovered her. She's no longer all that active on TV and in the movies, but the now teenage Aiza has just launched a second career as a recording artist.

She's turning out to be quite a success at singing, so her fan base should be increasing once again. The best thing about Aiza is the way that she's made sure that her career has not changed her. She remains level-headed, humble and her own person, thanks to the sensible way that she's been brought up by her parents.

Six child stars, six different ways of coping with the blandishments of spectacular success and fame at an early age. May other little hopefuls and their folks learn from their experience, and may the world of child stars in the Philippines lose its dark edge so that our young performers can enjoy mostly happy, fruitful times during their years in the showbiz spotlight.

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High school life: A young Janice and former flame Aga Muhlach

baby. They were always, always supportive of me."

Years later, when she married Estrada, she would slow down a lot "by choice. There were things I couldn't do, aside from the fact that I was plump," she declares candidly. "This business is quite big on vanity, it's unforgiving."

Today, with the plumpness going by the day, Janice has been doing more TV guestings, has pinch-hit for Lyn Ching for a few episodes of "S Files" ("I was a little rusty," she laughs, "but they said I did OK"), and is accepting more work than she used to.

Yes, her eyes still light up when she talks about showbiz. "I don't like everything that comes with the package of being an *artista*, but definitely I love to work. The biggest thing I learned here, though, is that you have to be a strainer, a sieve – you keep the good stuff, and let the bad stuff pass." Janice remembers that her mom was also branded a stage mom for a time, but it's something she's thankful for now. "When you're a child and you enter it, showbiz is so overwhelming. It's so different – it's a world larger than life. You have to have your values and character intact, or you'll get dizzy with the attention, the new things you see, the financial part. At 9? That was really good money. But my Mom was always there to guide me. When I see child stars accompanied by their moms today, I find myself hoping that their mothers will really be there for them."

Despite the pain, there's nothing Janice regrets about her past or would do over again. "There are no accidents," she says with surprising wisdom. "How strong I am now or how rational I look at things is because of everything that happened to me in life."

Which means, in the aesthetic sense, that Janice can now bring a whole new range of rich experiences to her acting. "I have no ambitions of becoming a superstar or returning to my old stature," Janice says. "People know I'm not choosy with roles, and I'm easy to work with." At this point in her life, would she take a *contrabida* role? "Why not?" Janice de Belen exclaims. "It would be nice to be on the other side for a change!"

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by Jonathan Best

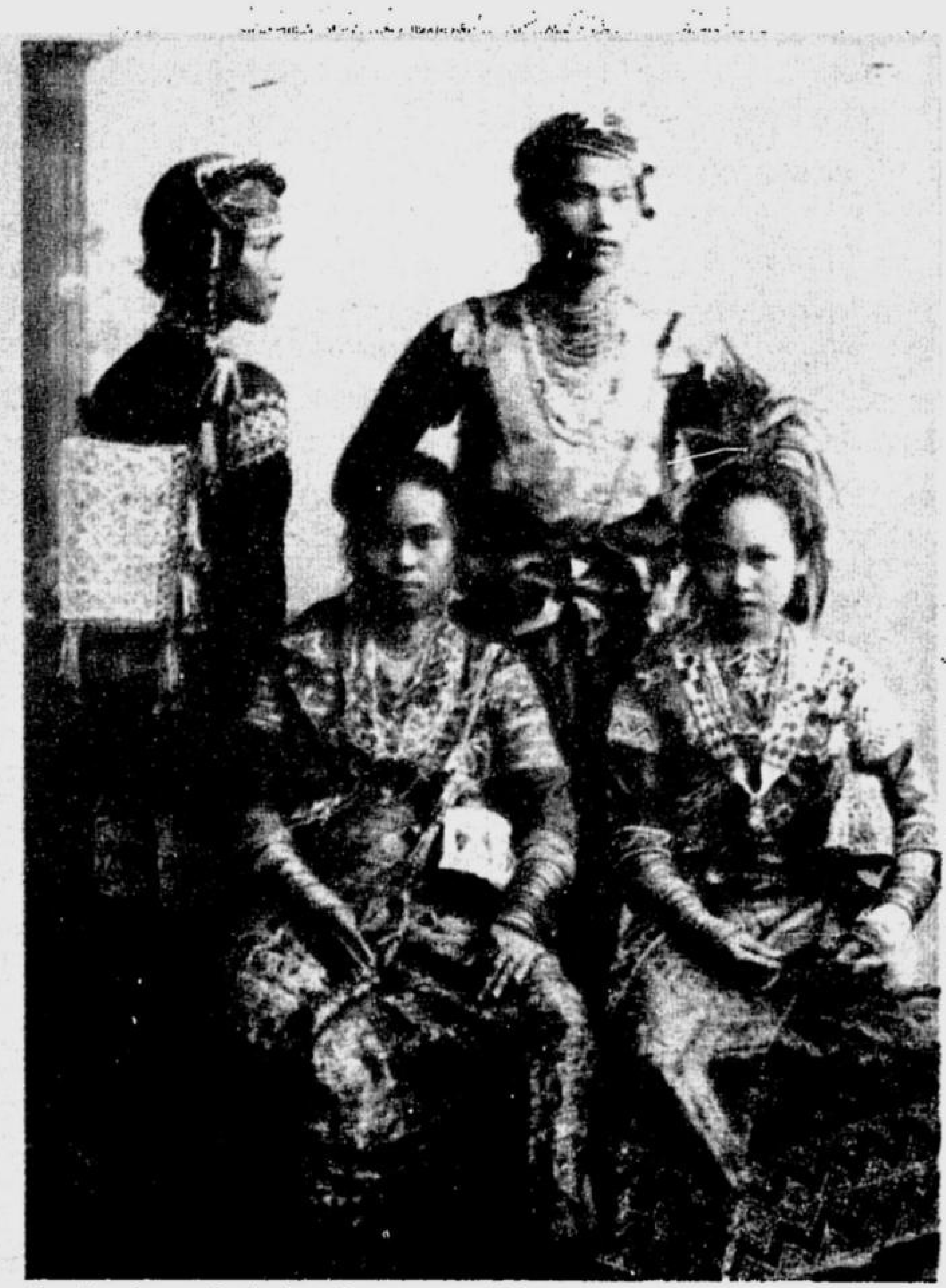
Bagobo Memories

The St. Louis Exposition was almost a hundred years ago, and several periods of radical change have swept through this tribe's world since then

TRAVELLING IS MORE THAN JUST THE SIMPLE ACT OF MOVING FROM ONE PHYSICAL LOCATION TO ANOTHER. IT ALWAYS INVOLVES A COMPLEX SET OF PERSONAL ASSOCIATIONS TIED TO THE PEOPLE, HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHY OF PLACES. RECENTLY, I FLEW TO DAVAO AND TREKKED UP MT. APO OVER KILOMETERS OF MUDDY, POT-HOLED ROADS TO VISIT THE REMNANTS OF THE BAGOBOS OF SOUTHERN MINDANAO. THIS TRIP WAS A LONG-HELD GOAL I HAD NEVER REALLY EXPECTED TO ACHIEVE, ESPECIALLY SINCE THE LATEST "TOTAL WAR" IN THE SOUTH.

Since my earliest encounter with Filipinos and Philippine history, nearly 30 years ago, the Bagobos of Mindanao have fascinated me. As a white American raised in conservative northern New England with its long freezing winters and short hot summers, the Bagobos, living in their tropical rainforests, seemed very, very far away, exotic and strangely alluring. Travelling to their ancestral lands was, for me, like going back to an incipient point in my own development and to the start of my long relationship to the Philippines.

The Bagobos who had first caught my imagination were the ones who had been transported to America for the St. Louis Exposition in 1904. I had seen their pictures in old books, postcards and brochures. Over 30 Bagobos had been part of the 1,200 Filipinos who were brought to America to participate in the famous Philippine Village set up to show Americans what the Philippine Islands, part of America's "new possessions," were all about.



Four Bagobos at the St. Louis Exposition in 1904

In 1904, the Bagobos in St. Louis were resplendent in tribal attire, beautiful woven skirts of tie-dyed abaca, short pants and jackets, with belts, backpacks and bags embellished with intricate patterns of beadwork and delicate embroidery. The women wore dozens of bracelets, jangling musical anklets and masses of beads. Both men and women were discreetly tattooed with esoteric symbols and magical designs and wore distinctive, large ivory or inlaid wooden plugs in their ear lobes.

The men especially caught my eye with their unique ceremonial headscarves, sultry brooding stares and luxuriant long hair proudly cascading down below their narrow waists. Nine years after St. Louis, in 1913, American anthropologists were still nervously complaining in National Geographic Magazine that they had trouble distinguishing the "effeminate" Bagobo men from the women, heaven forbid. More serious anthropologists, however, noted that the Bagobo warriors often proved to be the fiercest in the southern Philippines.

On my recent trip to Mindanao, I had no illusions of finding the past in all its mystical glory. The St. Louis Exposition was almost a hundred years ago and several periods of radical change have swept through the Bagobo's world.

When the Americans arrived in the Gulf of Davao in 1899 they were intent on setting up abaca plantations. Unlike the Spanish who had tried to subdue the Bagobos with missionaries and gunboats, the Americans tried benevolent assimilation. The Bagobo and other tribal communities were paid to work on the new plantations and rewarded with sewing machines, ugly printed cotton fabric and all kinds of handy modern gadgets. American teachers were sent to complete the assimilation process, and peace reigned. The abaca industry boomed from 1912 to the Second World War. Thousands of Japanese immigrated to Davao to develop plantations and rented vast tracks of land from the Bagobos. Davao City was nicknamed Little Tokyo in the 1930s.

The Japanese respected the Bagobos' animistic religious practices, their sacred sites and burial grounds. There were many marriages between Bagobo women and Japanese men. After the war, Davao lay in ruins and Japanese nationals were deported. In 1946, the Americans confiscated thousands of hectares of Japanese plantations, many of which were actually owned by Bagobo *datus* and their families. The land was declared enemy property and turned over to the new Philippine Government.

Under President Magsaysay in the 1950s and again under the Marcos dictatorship in the 1970s, thousands of Christian settlers, former Huks and retired military personnel were encouraged to set up homesteads on this land with Philippine government subsidies. Massive logging concessions were given to Marcos cronies, further devastating the Bagobos' territory. They were driven back into the hills and into abject poverty. Missionaries are currently wiping out the remnants of traditional Bagobo animistic religion and culture.

On a sunny afternoon last month, I finally got to sit for a couple of hours with Liawan Bato and his wife Paya in a large bamboo gazebo outside their modest house at the foot of Mt Apo. Liawan, who is close to 70, still puts on traditional attire and annually makes offerings to the ancestral Bagobo gods and spirits of which there are many.

Dappled sunlight filtered through the giant *santol*, durian and *lanzones* trees surrounding the house. We drank sweet, very strong homegrown coffee from old white mugs and enjoyed a plate of fried bananas sprinkled with brown sugar. Their son shook down some nuts from a nearby areca palm and they showed me how they made betel nut quids to chew in the old days before they took up cigarette smoking.

I showed them my old photos of the Bagobos at the St. Louis Exposition in all their finery and we lamented how much has been lost. As the sun began to set, my friend and very knowledgeable guide Datu Miguelito Bangkas said it was time to go. We headed back through kilometers of abaca, banana and coconut plantations with glimpses of the glittering Gulf of Davao in the distance, with the sun setting on Mt. Apo behind us.

Comments welcome at <endpage2000@hotmail.com>

This Week

Art

Pilipinas Loud and Clear, an exhibit of prints, computer-generated images, installation, textile, video and audio, 2D and 3D artworks by Rowena Friemann and Jenny Sanzaro at the Australia Centre, Paseo de Roxas, Makati City until June 29.

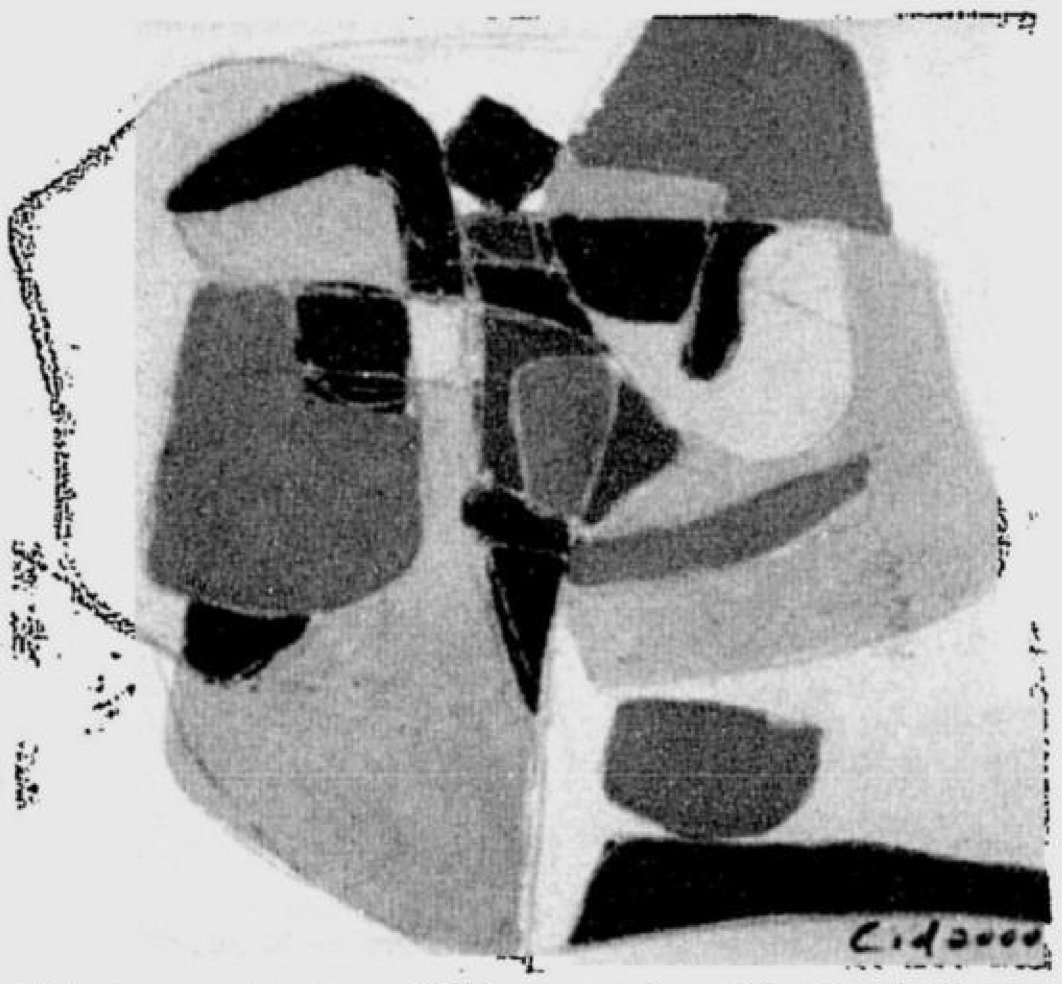
Handumanan, an exhibit of abstract works by Cid Reyes as his tribute to artists H. R. Ocampo, Jose Joya and Lee Aguinaldo, ongoing until June 20 at The Drawing Room, 1007, Metrostar Bldg., Metropolitan Avenue, Makati City.

Expressionist artist **Inday Cadapan** holds an exhibit of her recent works at Luna Pizzeria & Tapas Bar, 1820 Ma. Orosa St., Malate, Manila until June 30. For details, call 400-9820.

Rhapsody in Colours, an exhibit of artworks in modern freestyle by a group of young artists led by Christopher and KC de Venecia, until today at the GSIS Museum, Roxas Boulevard.

Alay, a solo exhibit by Remy Boquiren until June 19 at Gallery 139, Level 4, SM Megamall Building A.

"If I Were To Do Flowers," acrylic paintings by Butch Payawal at the Art Center, SM Megamall Bldg. B until June 18.

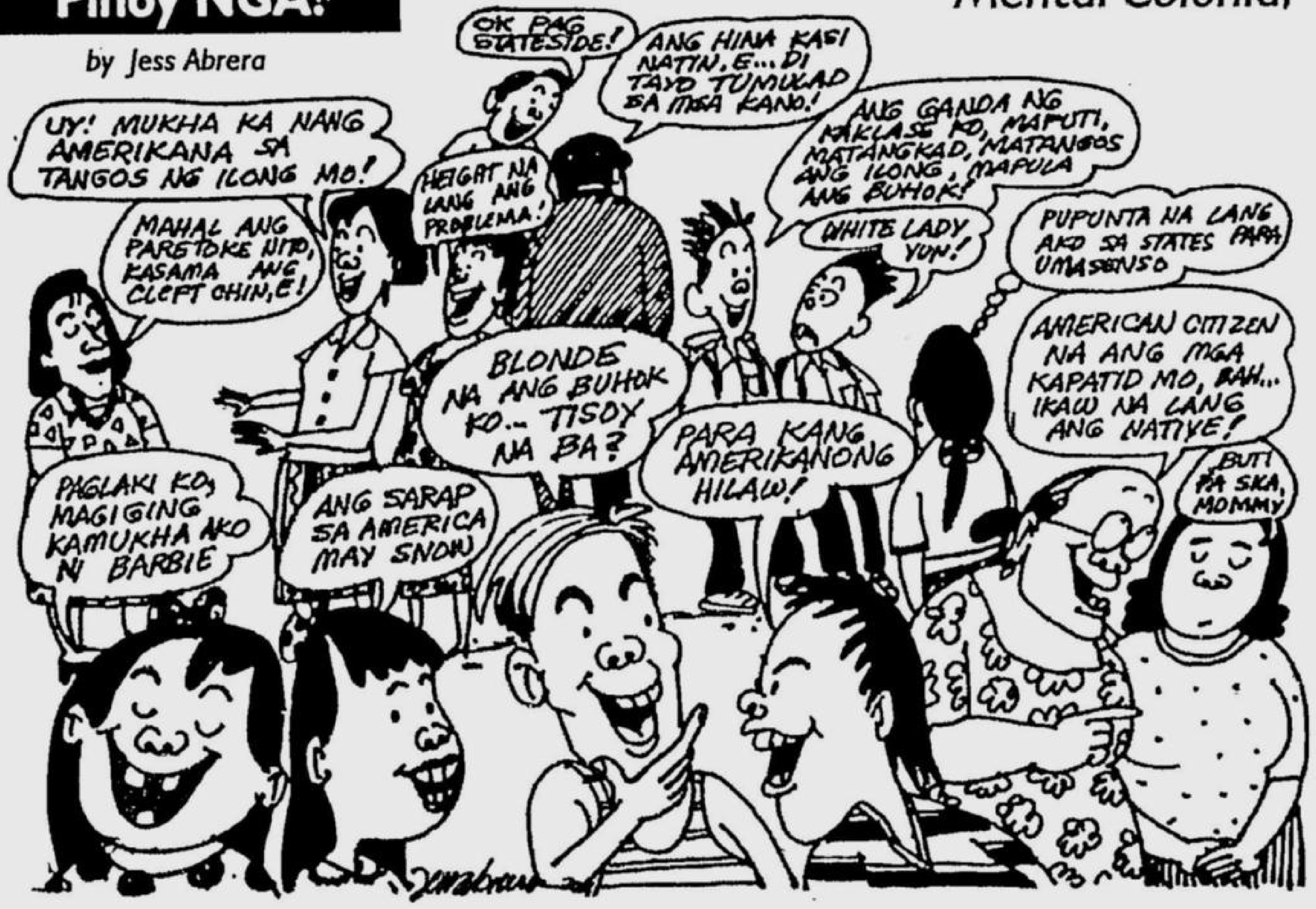


"Handumanan" series by Cid Reyes, ongoing at The Drawing Room, Metrostar Building, Makati City

Pinoy NGA!

by Jess Abrera

Mental Colonial


UY! MUKHA KA NANG AMERIKANA SA TANGOS NG ILONG MO!
MAHAL ANG PARETOKE NITO, KASAMA ANG CLEFT CHIN, E!
HEIGHT NA LANG ANG PROBLEMA!
OK PAG STATESIDE!
ANG HINA KASI NATIN, E... DI TAYO TUMIKAD SA MGA KANO!
ANG GANDA NG KAKLASE KO, MAPUTI, MATANGKAD, MATANGOS ANG ILONG, MAPULA ANG BUHOK!
WHITE LADY YUN!
PUPUNTA NA LANG AKO SA STATES PARA UMASENSO
AMERICAN CITIZEN NA ANG MGA KAPATID MO, BAH... IKAW NA LANG ANG NATIVE!
BLONDE NA ANG BUHOK KO... TISOY NA BA?
PARA KANG AMERIKANONG HILAW!
PAGLAKI KO, MAGIGING KAMUKHA AKO NI BARBIE
ANG SARAP SA AMERICA MAY SNOW
BUTI PA SKA, MOMMY

Music

Fête dela Musique, an annual music festival where Filipino and French musicians of different genres gather in one place and play for music lovers, will be held at Nakpil Street, Malate on June 23 starting at 7 p.m. The event, which is part of the French Spring in Manila 2001, will also feature a variety of art expositions to complement the musical line-up. Admission is free.

Porter on Parade, a concert of Cole Porter's best love songs interpreted by soprano Josephine Roces Chavez, baritone Eugene Villaluz, pianists Della Gamboa Besa and Raul Sunico, guitarist Butch Roxas and flutist Antonio Maigue as part of the concluding CCP Special Concerts Series, June 26, 7:30 p.m. at the CCP Little Theater. For details, call 832-1125 loc. 1604 and 832-3704.

Concert at the Park presents "*Ang Kasarinlan at si* Chin Chin Gutierrez" featuring the group Kasarinlan of Prof. Jun de Leon and actress Chin Chin Gutierrez, June 17, 5 p.m. at the Rizal Park. Admission is free.

Phenomena (59-B Timog Ave., QC) entertainment schedule for the month: June 20, 27 (Girl Power Wednesday: Free entrance to all ladies until 12 MN); June 21 (9MM); June 25 (True Faith) and June 28 (Time & a Half). For inquiries, call 412-6867.

June schedule for **Moonstar88**: SM Cebu (June 18, 4 p.m.); Mayrics, España (June 19, 9 p.m.); SM Manila, Fashion Show (June 23, 4 p.m.); Nth Degree, Malate (June 26, 9 p.m.)

For this week's bands and schedules call:

- Hard Rock Café (893-4662-65)
- Virgin Café : Makati (893-1844) QC (926-7982)
- '70s Bistro: 46 Anonas St., QC (922-0492)
- Hobbit House: 1801 Mabini St., Malate, Manila (521-7604)
- Strumm's: El Pueblo, Ortigas (637-3009)
- Mayric's (412-9430)

Onstage

"Romeo and Juliet," Shakespeare's classic tragedy about young love, marks the last offering of Bankard Trilogy 2001. It will run on June 17, 22, 23 and 24 at the Carlos P. Romulo Auditorium, RCBC Plaza, Ayala Avenue, Makati. Entrance is free to all Bankard cardholders. Tickets are priced at P300 for non-Bankard members. Teachers and students are allowed to watch for free upon presentation of valid IDs.

Food

Hotel Inter-Continental Manila's Prince Albert Rotisserie offers a la carte menu of special asparagus selections for lunch and dinner until July 7. For reservations, call 819-0645.

Golden, fresh mangoes take centerstage in a dinner buffet of mango-based dishes and special mango concoctions at Hotel Inter-Continental Manila's Bahia Rooftop Restaurant until June 30.

Mongolian Grill, an oriental feast of meats, vegetables, herbs and spices every Saturday night at the Poolside Terrace of Holiday Inn Manila. For inquiries, call 526-1212 ext. 2294.

Citrus Blast, Mandarin Oriental's drink of the month, is a rejuvenating blend of pineapple and calamansi juices, slices of American lemons, cherry-flavored liqueur and Bacardi light rum. For inquiries, call 750-8888 ext. 2416.

Atbp

The Royal Winnipeg Ballet of Canada will perform at the CCP Main Theater on June 19, 8 p.m. The repertoire includes classical story ballets and a collection of shorter dances. Tickets are available at CCP and Ticketworld National Bookstore outlets. For inquiries, call 832-3704 and 832-1125 loc. 1409.

Intro to Poetry Writing, a workshop on classical and free verse writing, June 23 at the Loyola House, Ateneo, QC. For details, call 285-2449.

Neale Donald Walsh, author of the bestseller "Conversations with God," will hold a talk on June 23, 6 p.m. at the Meralco Theater where the audience can also have a conversation with the author. Tickets are available at all Powerbooks branches or call 426-5375 and 426-3208.

***Tindig Inang Maharlika, Pinagpalang Bayan at Lahi ni* Dr. Jose Rizal**, a three-day spiritual event in celebration of Jose Rizal's birth anniversary at Luneta on June 17-19. It features *Dugtungan ng mga Awit, Pagsasaysay at Paghahayag*, and *Mga Himig at Sayaw ng Lemuria*. For details, call 0917-5672314.

Midwives' Caring for Mother and Child, a midwives' convention on June 23 at Kaban ng Hiyas, Boni Avenue, Mandaluyong City. For reservations, call 633-8948 and 533-3087.

Bayan Muna, the party-list frontrunner, invites all members and supporters to its victory party on June 18, 6-10 p.m. at the Bahay ng Alumni, UP Diliman campus, Quezon City. Open jamming follows at 10 p.m. led by some of the country's top bands and progressive musicians. For details, call 924-1598 and 436-4936.

"5 and Up" (Sundays, 9:30 a.m., GMA-7) celebrates its ninth anniversary with special episodes today and on June 24 as reporters look back on the different challenges they survived all year round and graduating reporters share what they've learned on the show.

Asia Society Philippines, in cooperation with the Australian Embassy, Manila and Dymock's Booksellers will feature author Arlene J. Chai in an afternoon program at the Filipinas Heritage Library along Makati Avenue on June 20 at 5:30 p.m. Chai's books will soon be available at the newly opened Dymock's Booksellers at Robinson's Ermita. For details, call 752-4374.

X-manila

Training Course on Office 5S, a seminar discussing the application of 5S techniques to organize and simplify office systems and procedures, layout and facilities, to make office work more efficient, will be held on June 20-22 at Alpa Hotel, Batangas City. For details, call 631-2138.

Regada 2001: Cavite City Water Festival, June 22-24. Activities include *Kulay at Tubig* Art Exhibit, *Linis Bayan*, *Linis Dalampasigan*, *Mga Palaro sa Dagat*, *Tahong* Festival, *Comelon* Food Fair, *Sunduan* and *Bisperas--Isang Konsyerto sa Kalye*, *Palaro sa Tubig* and *Karakol ni* San Juan Bautista. For inquiries, call (046) 431-2429 and (046) 431-0519.

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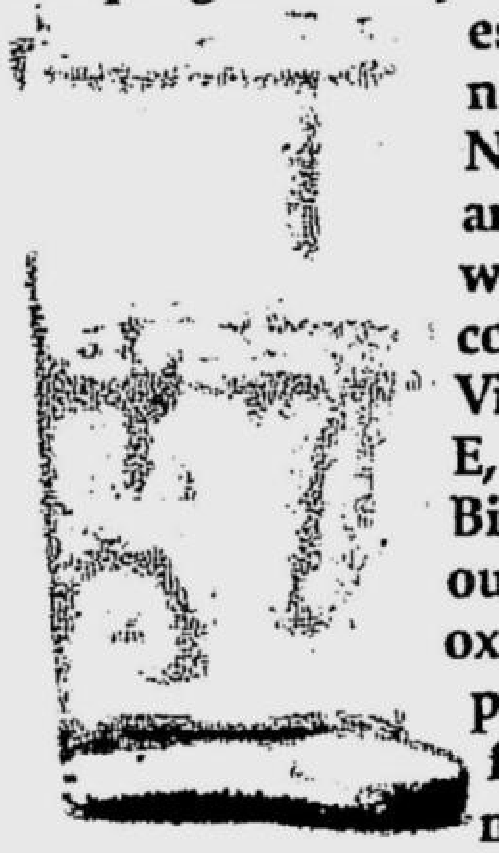

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